

Local Government Innovation Grant Program: Round 16

Summary Statistics

General Application Information

25 submitted applications
1 application below mandated score of 50 for Council Review

Total Request Amount (All applications)

\$1,132,644

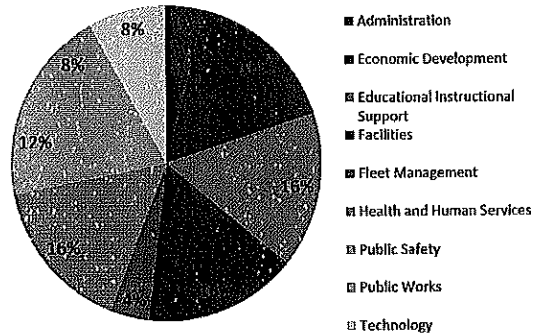
Total Request Amount (Recommended applications)

\$787,940

Project Approach

3 Coproduction
13 Efficiency
9 Shared Services

Project Type



Staff Proposal

The program was highly competitive, and the Office of Strategic Business Investments reviewed 25 grant project proposals. Staff is recommending that the Council award 17 projects with a score of 66 or higher. The projects that staff are recommending all provided thorough applications with clear descriptions in each category. Projects that staff are not recommending can be improved upon and re-submitted in future rounds.

Scoring Rubric Overview

In scoring applications, we used the following criteria to determine the strength of an application:

- > Location Measures, 7 points possible
 - Previous applicants in location (4 points)
 - Population (3 points)
- > Problem Definition, 25 points possible
 - Problem trying to solve (5 points)
 - Project goals (5 points)
 - Agency core function (5 points)
 - Core services narrative (5 points)
 - Response to economic demand (5 points)
- > Collaborative Measures, 15 points possible
 - Collaboration (5 points)
 - Nature of partnership (5 points)
 - Proposal partnership history (5 points)
- > Success Measures, 10 points possible
 - Scalable and replicable proposal (5 points)
 - Past success (5 points)
- > Significance Measures, 16 points possible
 - Economic Impact (5 points)
 - Demonstration of need (5 points)
 - Innovative approach (5 points)
 - Performance audit/cost benchmarking (1 points)
- > Financial Measures, 10 points possible
 - Local match (5 points)
 - Cost savings (5 points)
- > Required Documents, 12 points possible
 - MOU/Partnership agreement (3 points)
 - Resolution of support (3 points)
 - Budget (3 points)
 - Timeline (3 points)

Local Government Innovation Program
Round 16 Scoresheet

Tracking Number	Lead Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Request	Location Measures	Project Definition	Collaborative Measures	Success Measures	Significance Measures	Financial Measures	Required Documents	Final Score	Staff Recommended
LGIF 2016 6389	Columbus State Community College	Shared Law Enforcement Training Services Project	Educational Instructional Support	\$50,000	1	23	15	10	14	10	12	85	X
LGIF 2013 0120	City of Wooster	9-1-1 Dispatch Project	Public Safety	\$45,000	5	21	15	8	14	10	12	85	X
LGIF 2016 5676	Columbiana County ESC	Columbiana County Manufacturing Academy	Educational Instructional Support	\$36,800	3	25	15	10	11	8	12	84	X
LGIF 2016 5264	City of Chillicothe	Consolidation of Ross County 9-1-1 PSAPs and Public Safety Dispatch Points	Public Safety	\$50,000	7	23	15	8	14	4	12	83	X
LGIF 2016 6165	Portage County Regional Planning Commission	Park & Rec. Inventory, Analysis, Collaboration, and Implementation Plan	Facilities	\$50,000	5	23	13	10	13	6	12	82	X
LGIF 2016 6293	Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Services Board of Logan & Champaign Counties	Logan County Coalition Advisory Board (CAB)	Health and Human Services	\$13,000	7	19	13	10	11	8	12	80	X
LGIF 2016 4531	Butler County Port Authority	Brand Butler	Economic Development	\$50,000	3	23	13	8	12	8	12	79	X
LGIF 2016 6432	City of Cleveland	Cleveland Fleet Performance Partnership	Fleet Management	\$45,000	1	25	13	10	12	6	12	79	X

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Scoresheet

Tracking Number	Lead Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Request	Location Measures	Project Definition	Collaborative Measures	Success Measures	Significance Measures	Financial Measures	Required Documents	Final Score	Staff Recommended
LGIF 2016 4860	Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development	Perry County Health Access Study	Health and Human Services	\$50,000	5	23	13	8	13	4	12	78	X
LGIF 2016 6427	Village of Somerset	Somerset Learning Center & Tech Hub Feasibility Study	Educational Instructional Support	\$50,000	3	19	13	8	13	10	12	78	X
LGIF 2016 6392	Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Diversification of UCO Industries	Economic Development	\$50,000	5	21	13	8	13	6	12	78	X
LGIF 2016 5619	City of Conneaut	Conneaut City & Schools Consolidation Project	Facilities	\$26,000	5	25	13	8	10	4	12	77	X
LGIF 2016 6333	Jefferson County Water & Sewer District	Jefferson County Water-Wastewater Working Group Shared Services Study	Public Works	\$50,000	5	21	11	6	14	6	12	75	X
LGIF 2016 6154	City of Olmsted Falls	Community Paramedicine Model Pilot Study	Health and Human Services	\$50,000	3	17	11	10	11	10	12	74	X
LGIF 2016 5115	Sandusky County Park District	Development Plan for Multi-Use Recreation Trail	Economic Development	\$50,000	5	17	13	6	13	8	12	74	X
LGIF 2016 4660	City of Hudson	Hudson Residential Broadband Feasibility Study	Technology	\$50,000	3	23	0	10	16	8	9	69	X

Local Government Innovation Program
Round 16 Scoresheet

Tracking Number	Lead Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Request	Location Measures	Project Definition	Collaborative Measures	Success Measures	Significance Measures	Financial Measures	Required Documents	Final Score	Staff Recommended
LGIF 2016 6448	Clermont County CIC, Inc.	Clermont County CIC and UC Clermont College Workforce Survey	Economic Development	\$26,500	7	25	0	8	13	4	9	66	X
LGIF 2016 5928	Wickliffe City School District	Northeast Ohio Family Resources Center Collaborative Feasibility Study	Educational Instructional Support	\$45,640	5	25	0	8	11	8	9	66	X
LGIF 2016 5525	MEORC	Employment Navigation Technical Assistance Network	Health and Human Services	\$50,000	5	14	13	5	11	5	12	65	
LGIF 2016 5885	Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center	Feasibility of Workplace Wellness to Create Efficiency	Administration	\$49,704	5	21	0	10	14	6	9	65	
LGIF 2016 5213	Village of Lagrange	Shared Facilities	Facilities	\$50,000	3	17	13	3	8	6	12	62	
LGIF 2016 5289	Village of Centerburg	Water System Planning	Facilities	\$45,000	5	19	11	3	7	4	12	61	
LGIF 2016 5705	Stark County District Library	Stark County Area Next Generation Broadband Initiative	Technology	\$50,000	1	23	0	5	13	10	9	61	
LGIF 2016 5733	Village of Forest	Shared Village/Safety Service	Public Safety	\$50,000	7	8	10	3	6	8	12	54	

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Shared Law Enforcement Training Services Project

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6389

Final Score: 85

Lead Applicant: Columbus State Community College

JobsOhio Region: Central

Type of Request: Educational Instructional Support

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Powell Police Department, Reynoldsburg Police Department, Westerville Police Department, Worthington Police Department, Law Enforcement Foundation, Franklin University

Project Description: The proposed feasibility study will assess whether more cost effective, high-quality law enforcement training can be delivered through a shared services model. The goals of the proposal are to facilitate the sharing of law enforcement training and reduce associated training costs by leveraging technology, instructors, training personnel, instructional design expertise and other capabilities of the seven partners.

Location Measures	1
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	15
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	14
Financial Measures	10
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: 9-1-1 Dispatch Project

Application Number: LGIF 2013 0120

Final Score: 85

Lead Applicant: City of Wooster

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Public Safety

Request: \$45,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Cities of Ashland, Orrville

Project Description: Current dispatching system platforms utilize antiquated technologies and processes. In order to improve safety, the City of Wooster's project will look at existing safety deficiencies, track data that could be used to assess trends and identify issues to increase life-saving services, in the hope of lowering actual costs to residents. Through a Council of Governments, the project goals include onboarding new dispatchers to the 9-1-1 Dispatching facility and using a third-party approach to collect and analyze data.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	21
Collaborative Measures	15
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	14
Financial Measures	10
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Columbiana County Manufacturing Academy

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5676

Final Score: 84

Lead Applicant: Columbiana County ESC

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Educational Instructional Support

Request: \$36,800.00

Collaborative Partners: AST2, Butech Bliss, Columbiana County Development Department, Compco Industries, Kent State University-Columbiana County, Leetonia Exempted School District, Mahoning Valley Manufacturing Coalition, Sustainable Opportunity Development Center, Inc., Village of Leetonia, Youngstown State University

Project Description: This proposed feasibility study will look at creating a Columbiana County Manufacturing Academy to share resources and services to better prepare high school students to fill local business skilled worker needs. In partnership with education, industry, federal, state and local governments the Academy will research how best to prepare students with needed soft- and hard-skills to become successful in manufacturing careers. It is the goal of the Academy to save employers time and money and provide them with employees that are able to make valuable contributions daily throughout their careers.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	25
Collaborative Measures	15
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	11
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Consolidation of Ross County 9-1-1 PSAPs and Public Safety Dispatch Points

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5264

Final Score: 83

Lead Applicant: City of Chillicothe

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Public Safety

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Ross County Commissioners

Project Description: This proposal will examine the feasibility of consolidating all Ross County Public Safety Answering Points and Dispatch Centers. The proposed grant would examine the current system and make recommendations on the most practical changes to implement, such as consolidation, while identifying the overall system inefficiencies from both an operational and economic perspective. Goals of the project include examining potential savings, looking at best practices and discerning the best manner in which to combine city and county fire dispatch and law enforcement dispatch into one centralized location leading to cost sharing and subsequent savings.

Location Measures	7
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	15
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	14
Financial Measures	4
Required Documents	12

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Park & Rec. Inventory, Analysis, Collaboration, and Implementation Plan

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6165

Final Score: 82

Lead Applicant: Portage County Regional Planning Commission

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Facilities

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Portage Park District

Project Description: Portage County is looking to create a collaboration plan for their 30 separate local community park networks in an attempt to reduce redundancy, eliminate inefficiencies and save resources. The plan will establish a Recreation Advisory Committee that will inventory all park land and facilities, equipment maintenance services and programs offered to the public. After initial review and evaluation, the proposed project will create a plan to implement costs savings and create a master website.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Logan County Coalition Advisory Board

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6293

Final Score: 80

Lead Applicant: Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Services Board of Logan & Champaign Counties

JobsOhio Region: Central

Type of Request: Health and Human Services

Request: \$13,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Bellefontaine City Council, Community Health and Wellness Partners of Logan County, Indian Lake Schools, Logan County Chamber of Commerce, Logan County Department of Job and Family Services, Logan County Family and Children First Council, Logan County Family Court, Logan County Health District, Mary Rutan Hospital

Project Description: Currently, local agency staff serve and support multiple health-related prevention coalitions with their time and financial resources. The proposed study will look at five county health coalitions and research ways to reduce goal and strategy overlap and ways to combine and stretch resources. This study hopes to create an infrastructure and training platform to help the coalitions understand and implement how to build capacity with potential fiscal and human resources savings. The plan will also develop a tracking system for activities and outputs and create common agendas, shared measurement and mutually reinforcing activities.

Location Measures	7
Project Definition	19
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	11
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Brand Butler

Application Number: LGIF 2016 4531

Final Score: 79

Lead Applicant: Butler County Port Authority

JobsOhio Region: Southwest

Type of Request: Economic Development

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Butler County Commissioners, Butler County Visitors Bureau

Project Description: Butler County's numerous departments, officeholders and agencies lack a cohesive message, image and brand creating confusion for its residents, visitors, vendors, potential developers, employers and investors. The proposed study will find ways increase cooperation and communication between departments and agencies, analyze branding efforts of competitive markets and develop an umbrella brand position for Butler County that would work for all audiences.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	12
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Cleveland Fleet Performance Partnership

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6432

Final Score: 79

Lead Applicant: City of Cleveland

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Fleet Management

Request: \$45,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, University Circle Inc.

Project Description: The Cleveland Fleet Performance Project is designed to examine the feasibility and cost-savings potential of deploying a range of commercially available alternative fuel, advanced vehicle and efficiency solutions to its major public fleets. As with many public agencies, these fleets perform a range of essential services for their citizens and stakeholders, accounting for large and ever-growing agency budget expenses. The majority of these expenses come in the form of vehicle acquisition prices, fuel purchases and equipment maintenance costs. The goal of the study is to look at the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and return on investment scenarios associated with various vehicle, fuel and technology solutions (including natural gas, propane, biofuels, hybrid and electric vehicles and efficiency technologies such as anti-idling units).

Location Measures	1
Project Definition	25
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	12
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Perry County Health Access Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 4860

Final Score: 78

Lead Applicant: Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Health and Human Services

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Genesis Healthcare System, Hocking Technical College, Ohio University, Perry County Family Practice, Perry County General Health District, Perry County Community Improvement Corporation

Project Description: A recent comprehensive health assessment revealed that Perry County ranks in Ohio's bottom quartile for health outcomes and noted the foremost health-related need was improving residents' access to quality health care. The proposed feasibility study will look for ways to determine how best to significantly improve health care access in Perry County. Some of the goals of the study include identifying current health care resources and services, discovering where and why there are gaps and barriers to health care services and where to find additional partners for service expansion. The study also hopes to identify best practices and the practicability of using technology, such as telemedicine, in a rural environment.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	4
Required Documents	12

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Somerset Learning Center & Tech Hub Feasibility Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6427

Final Score: 78

Lead Applicant: Village of Somerset

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Educational Instructional Support

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Buckeye Hills HVRDD, ConnectOhio, Digital Works, Hocking College, Ohio University Consulting Fellows, Ohio University Zanesville, Perry County Job and Family Services, Perry County Transit

Project Description: The Village of Somerset is proposing a feasibility study that will look at how best to improve services, create jobs, strengthen the economy through enhanced workforce development opportunities. Through a proposed Somerset Learning Center and Technology Hub, the community would be able to foster, retain and attract talent. The project goals include discovering training, broadband and technology needs that would assist in increasing and growing the community, answering how participating partners can best collaborate to meet those needs and finding what is the best financial pathway to lead to sustained success.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	19
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	10
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Diversification of UCO Industries

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6392

Final Score: 78

Lead Applicant: Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities

JobsOhio Region: Central

Type of Request: Economic Development

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: UCO Industries

Project Description: The proposed study hopes to determine the feasibility of expanding Union County's public-private partnership to create and maintain current job opportunities for Union County's Developmentally Disabled. Through the study, Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities hopes to identify current diversified job growth opportunities, and look at the possibility of producing two new job ventures- electronic recycling and mobile shredding. The study will also look for ways to work with local government, industry, business and residents to identify cost saving opportunities and expand the creation of new jobs.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	21
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Conneaut City & Schools Consolidation Project

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5619

Final Score: 77

Lead Applicant: City of Conneaut

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Facilities

Request: \$26,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Conneaut Area City Schools

Project Description: The City of Conneaut and Conneaut Area City Schools wish to evaluate consolidating each of their antiquated maintenance operations, as well as a bus garage and fire house into one existing facility to maximize a multitude of efficiencies. The proposed study hopes to review both the City and school's existing programs. The goals include conducting interviews with facility users, evaluating the existing structures and site conditions and developing a new space that is a functional environment for both partners. The study could result in a cost-effective model for a re-purposed facility based on best practices and saved taxpayer dollars.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	25
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	10
Financial Measures	4
Required Documents	12

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Jefferson County Water-Wastewater Working Group Shared Services Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6333

Final Score: 75

Lead Applicant: Jefferson County Water & Sewer District

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Public Works

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Brilliant Water and Sewer District, City of Steubenville, City of Toronto, Village of Mingo Junction

Project Description: Jefferson County and four local governments wish to complete a feasibility study that would investigate sharing delinquent account information, equipment, labor and training among their utilities. The goal of this study is to improve the finances and operational efficiency of the three participating water and sewer systems. The first part of the study will investigate the creation or adoption of a shared database and legal agreements for the partnering entities to cooperatively reduce delinquent and lost revenues due to non-paying customers. The second area will investigate opportunities for shared services and equipment using a common database or portal such as shareohio.gov.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	21
Collaborative Measures	11
Success Measures	6
Significance Measures	14
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Community Paramedicine Model Pilot Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6154

Final Score: 74

Lead Applicant: City of Olmsted Falls

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Health and Human Services

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network, Olmsted Falls Fire Department, PHASTAR Corporation

Project Description: The City of Olmsted Falls, through the Community Paramedicine Model Pilot Study, seeks to develop a roadmap and best practice guide for providing seniors with state-of-the-art interventions and personalized house calls. The project hopes to promote senior quality of life and positive health and wellness for community residents. The study will determine quality of life issues, identify the at-risk population prior to a community-wide emergency or disaster, design and maintain a database for preserving records for at-risk seniors and provide evidence-based assessments and care coordination for all seniors.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	17
Collaborative Measures	11
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	11
Financial Measures	10
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Development Plan for Multi-Use Recreation Trail

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5115

Final Score: 74

Lead Applicant: Sandusky County Park District

JobsOhio Region: Northwest

Type of Request: Economic Development

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: City of Fremont, Downtown Fremont, Inc., Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Sandusky County Health District, Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission

Project Description: The Sandusky County Park District is looking to create a development plan that will connect existing trail systems with Terra State Community College, Hayes Presidential Library and downtown Fremont, as well as discover ways to update the existing County Bike Trail Plan. The Park District's goals are to provide a clear vision for expanding the existing trails system and to create strategies and add connections that will enhance eco-cultural and recreational tourism. An organization and management structure will be considered in the plan, as well as identifying potential funding for the project.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	17
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	6
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Hudson Residential Broadband Feasibility Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 4660

Final Score: 69

Lead Applicant: City of Hudson

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Technology

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: None- single entity application

Project Description: The City of Hudson will conduct a feasibility study for the delivery of broadband fiber to their residents. The goal of the study is to determine if it is financially feasible for the City to provide high-speed internet services to residents at an affordable price. The study will provide a comprehensive needs assessment, potential engineering and constructions costs, a business plan and a roll-out strategy, as well as an analysis of funding options including development of public and private partnerships needed for financial success and system recommendations needed to support and extend broadband service to neighboring communities.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	0
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	16
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	9

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Clermont County CIC and University of Cincinnati Clermont College Workforce Survey

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6448

Final Score: 66

Lead Applicant: Clermont County CIC, Inc.

JobsOhio Region: Southwest

Type of Request: Economic Development

Request: \$26,500.00

Collaborative Partners: None- single entity application

Project Description: The Clermont County Community Improvement Corporation is looking to conduct a survey of 250 manufacturing companies in Clermont, Brown and Adams Counties to determine the available vacant positions within those companies and discover the incumbent workforce skills needed for those positions. The study will help the University of Cincinnati East to strategically grow their training program currently being conducted with Milacron. Additionally, the study looks to address the need expressed by local manufacturing companies for customized training solutions to fill staffing gaps.

Location Measures	7
Project Definition	25
Collaborative Measures	0
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	4
Required Documents	9

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Northeast Ohio Family Resources Center Collaborative Feasibility Study

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5928

Final Score: 66

Lead Applicant: Wickliffe City School District

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Educational Instructional Support

Request: \$45,640.00

Collaborative Partners: None- single entity application

Project Description: Due to serving a large number of economically disadvantaged students, Wickliffe City School District is looking to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and benefits of developing a Family Resource Center within the District. The study hopes to determine the potential costs, utilization and advantages of a shared services approach through a Family Resource Center with potential to bring necessary family support to the community.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	25
Collaborative Measures	0
Success Measures	8
Significance Measures	11
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	9

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Employment Navigation Technical Assistance Network

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5525

Final Score: 65

Lead Applicant: MEORC

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Health and Human Services

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Fairfield, Hocking, Licking and Perry County Boards of Development Disabilities

Project Description: The proposed feasibility study will look at creating a regional training and technical assistance network that would promote employment for individuals with all abilities. The study will look to identify individuals in the region with developmental disabilities that want to work at a competitive wage, and work alongside people who are not disabled. The study would also look to increase the number of people with developmental disabilities working in competitive and supported employment within the region. The study hopes to discover ways to increase the number of people that help individuals with developmental disabilities navigate the various initiatives and funding sources that help them secure competitive employment or employment with supports.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	14
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	5
Significance Measures	11
Financial Measures	5
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Feasibility of Workplace Wellness to Create Efficiency

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5885

Final Score: 65

Lead Applicant: Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center

JobsOhio Region: Southeast

Type of Request: Administration

Request: \$49,704.00

Collaborative Partners: None- single entity application

Project Description: Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC)'s health care costs and subsequent substitute teacher expenses are placing major, unsustainable financial burdens on their operating budget. MVESC's proposed study would look at the health cost factors and identify wellness strategies to help reduce expenses. The study would identify the root causes of the unsustainable financial burdens from health care costs and substitute teacher expenses as well as determine wellness strategies and develop a formalize wellness program.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	21
Collaborative Measures	0
Success Measures	10
Significance Measures	14
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	9

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Shared Facilities

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5213

Final Score: 62

Lead Applicant: Village of Lagrange

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Facilities

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Keystone Local School District, Lorain County Health District

Project Description: The proposed study will examine the feasibility of reusing a former elementary school building in downtown LaGrange. The offices for both the Township and the Village are currently located in a modified pole barn and additional functional space for operations is needed. The school would like to continue to utilize some of the space at the former elementary school. The study would determine if renovating the vacant school building would have adequate functional space to meet the needs of both the Village and the school.

Location Measures	3
Project Definition	17
Collaborative Measures	13
Success Measures	3
Significance Measures	8
Financial Measures	6
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Water System Planning

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5289

Final Score: 61

Lead Applicant: Village of Centerburg

JobsOhio Region: Central

Type of Request: Facilities

Request: \$45,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Del-Co Water Co., Inc.

Project Description: The Village of Centerburg would like to examine the feasibility of building a new well field and water plant, repainting the water storage tank, and updating the existing antiquated water distribution system. The current structure places a huge financial burden on the community. The intent is to collaborate and partner with Del-Co Water Company Inc., a larger neighboring water system, to determine if buying water from Del-Co is more sustainable and affordable than building a plant in a historically low-growth community.

Location Measures	5
Project Definition	19
Collaborative Measures	11
Success Measures	3
Significance Measures	7
Financial Measures	4
Required Documents	12

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Stark County Area Next Generation Broadband Initiative

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5705

Final Score: 61

Lead Applicant: Stark County District Library

JobsOhio Region: Northeast

Type of Request: Technology

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: None- single entity application

Project Description: Stark County's telecommunication end users currently receive inefficient service, including slow speed, limited competition, suboptimal service quality and high prices compared to better served political subdivisions elsewhere. The proposed study will measure the feasibility of Stark County implementing a comprehensive telecommunications infrastructure with an end goal of advancing the area economically and culturally with next generation speeds, competition and service quality at affordable costs. The study will look at the potential to provide broadband access to all residents, organizations, businesses and government agencies.

Location Measures	1
Project Definition	23
Collaborative Measures	0
Success Measures	5
Significance Measures	13
Financial Measures	10
Required Documents	9

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Shared Village/Safety Service

Application Number: LGIF 2016 5733

Final Score: 54

Lead Applicant: Village of Forest

JobsOhio Region: Western

Type of Request: Public Safety

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners: Forest Community Improvement Corporation, Jackson-Forest Joint Ambulance District, Jackson Township -Hardin and Wyandot Counties, Village of Patterson

Project Description: The Village of Forest and collaborating partners are requesting funding to explore the feasibility of constructing and operating a joint facility. The focus of the study is primarily to determine the best way to provide facilities for public safety equipment and staff, as well as conference space for governing boards.

Location Measures	7
Project Definition	8
Collaborative Measures	10
Success Measures	3
Significance Measures	6
Financial Measures	8
Required Documents	12

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name: Operating LEAN

Application Number: LGIF 2016 6348

Final Score: 44

Lead Applicant: Colerain Township Public Service Department

JobsOhio Region: Southwest

Type of Request: Public Works

Request: \$50,000.00

Collaborative Partners:

Project

Description:

Round 16 Applications

Project Name:

Application Number:

Final Score:

Lead Applicant:

JobsOhio Region:

Type of Request:

Request: \$

Collaborative Partners:

Project Description:

Location Measures	
Project Definition	
Collaborative Measures	
Success Measures	
Significance Measures	
Financial Measures	
Required Documents	

Round 16 Applications

Project Name:

Application Number:

Final Score:

Lead Applicant:

JobsOhio Region:

Type of Request:

Request: \$

Collaborative Partners:

Project Description:

Location Measures	
Project Definition	
Collaborative Measures	
Success Measures	
Significance Measures	
Financial Measures	
Required Documents	

Round 16 Applications

Project Name:

Application Number:

Final Score:

Lead Applicant:

JobsOhio Region:

Type of Request:

Request: \$

Collaborative Partners:

Project Description:

Location Measures	
Project Definition	
Collaborative Measures	
Success Measures	
Significance Measures	
Financial Measures	
Required Documents	

Local Government Innovation Program

Round 16 Applications

Project Name:

Application Number:

Final Score:

Lead Applicant:

JobsOhio Region:

Type of Request:

Request: \$

Collaborative Partners:

Project Description:

Location Measures	
Project Definition	
Collaborative Measures	
Success Measures	
Significance Measures	
Financial Measures	
Required Documents	

Wooster Ashland Orrville Regional Dispatch

Executive Summary

In 2011 the Cities of Wooster and Ashland Ohio, in order to better serve their communities, safety forces, and save taxpayer dollars, resolved to form a council of governments to provide emergency dispatch services. Both cities observed inefficiencies in their current operations due to a lack of proper equipment and operations of the dispatch process, stifling life-saving communications. With the lack of consistent process and technology needed to support an urban environment, ambulances have been sent to wrong jurisdictions for unresponsive patients, police officers have missed critical safety details, and the calculation of response times and other vital statistics has not been possible. Working together and sharing resources, the cities learned that these dangerous issues could be corrected, while also lowering costs.

In 2015 the City of Orrville resolved to join the Wooster-Ashland Regional Council of Governments (WARCOG), transferring their Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) equipment and operations to be controlled by the COG. In doing so, Orrville will save monies previously committed for personnel and equipment to maintain their own public safety answering point and dispatch center. This creates a critical opportunity for the WARCOG to move forward and make critical safety enhancements a reality. The WARCOG is hoping to partner with the Local Government Innovation Fund to bring this cost-saving and life-saving partnership to fruition.

The establishment of the WARCOG Regional Dispatch Center will provide a central PSAP for the Cities of Orrville and Wooster in Wayne County and the City of Ashland in Ashland County. The WARCOG Regional Dispatch Center does not constitute an additional PSAP as Orrville's PSAP will shut down when the dispatch center comes online. Additional political subdivisions within the county will have the opportunity to join as well which would result in additional savings and further reduction of PSAPs within the county.

The costs for the operation of the dispatch center are to be shared amongst the participating communities, being fairly allocated utilizing a formula based on the population as well as Fire and EMS call volumes for each community. Each partner will recognize seven-figure savings biannually through sharing costs for dispatch services under this formula, while also providing easy scalability to welcome new member communities, large and small, in the future. (Pending approval, implementation costs would be shared over the first two years, with additional savings starting in year three and thereafter. Assuming these costs, \$170,991 would be realized in savings annually in years One and Two, and \$237,031 in savings in Year Three and thereafter.)

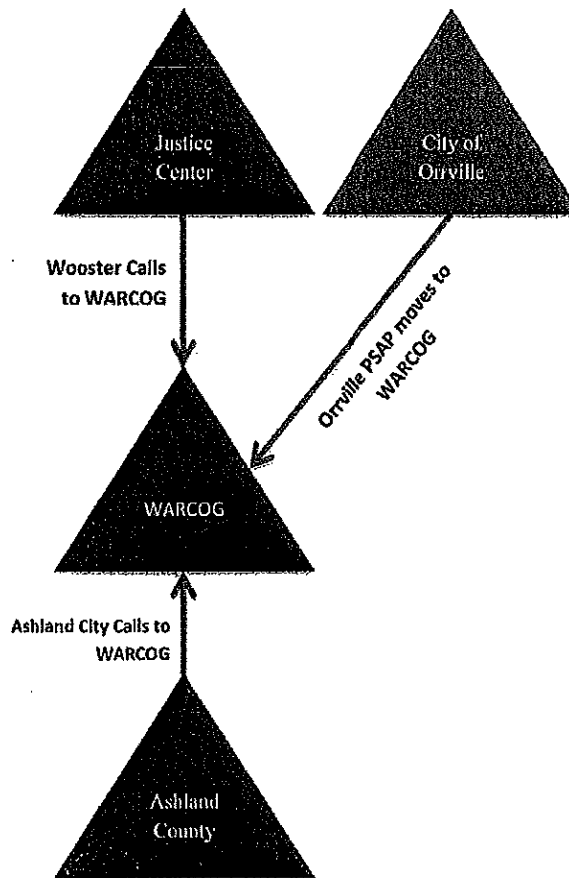
Agencies served by the WARCOG Regional Dispatch Center will see improved services through the implementation of advanced public safety dispatcher training. Dispatchers will be trained in Priority Dispatch emergency dispatch protocols for Fire, Police, and Medical Calls, utilizing software that will provide the appropriate questions and instructions at their fingertips to gain critical information to keep responders informed and life-saving instructions for the caller to follow until responders arrive.

The regional dispatch radio console will enable communications from the Regional Dispatch Center to the entities utilizing Ohio's MARCS P-25 radio system and will feature legacy links to conventional radio

systems for fire alerting and agencies not currently on the MARCS system. The installation will require project management to provide secure and reliable links from the dispatch center to remote transmitting sites.

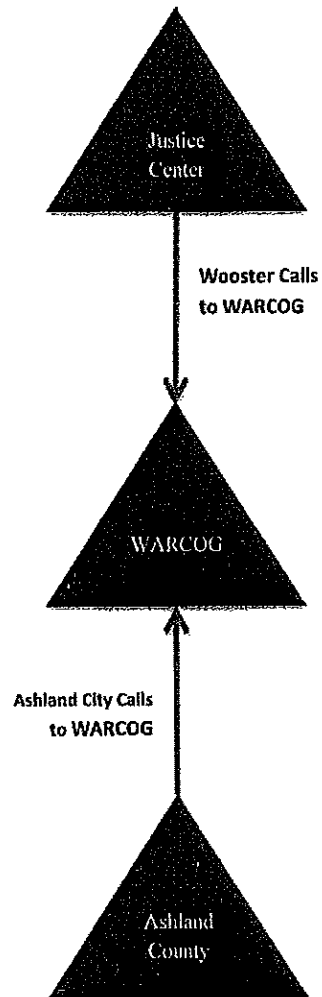
As a start-up center, highly skilled and qualified personnel must be selected to staff the positions serving our communities. Personnel will be selected utilizing a testing battery comprised of highly accurate test instruments with strong validity documentation and valid, job-related, effective behavior-based interviewing.

PSAP Configuration Wayne County



Emergency Call Routing and PSAP Configuration Wayne & Ashland County

PROPOSED



LGIF 2013 0120

Round Number	8	Record Type	LGIF LGIP Loan or Grant
		LGIF Application Number	LGIF 2013 0120
Application Status	In Process		
Error: Source and Uses do not match			
Error: Insufficient Local Match			
Applicant Profile			
Project Name	Wooster Ashland Orrville Regional Dispatch	Project Type	Public Safety
Type of Request	Grant	Project Approach	Shared Services
Collaboration	Apply with collaborative partner(s)	Population: Smallest CVT Collaborator	
Request Amount	\$45,000	Population: Smallest County Collaborator	
Lead Agency			
Agency	City of Wooster	Population	26,540
FEIN	34-6003129	US Census Fact Finder	US Census Fact Finder
Street Address	538 N. Market St.	Ohio House District	2
City	Wooster,	Ohio House District Search	Ohio House District Search
State	OH	Ohio Senate District	22
Zip Code	44,691	Ohio Senate District Search	Ohio Senate District Search
County	Wayne	JobsOhio Region	Northeast
Organization Type	Local Government	JobsOhio Regional Map	JobsOhio Network Map
Organization Type Detail	Council of Governments		
Project Contact			
Project Contact Name	Bob Breneman	Project Contact Street Address	538 N. Market St.
Project Contact Title	Mayor	Project Contact City	Wooster
Project Contact Phone	(330) 263-5245	Project Contact State	OH
Project Contact Email	mayor@woosteroh.com	Project Contact Zip Code	44691
Project History - Past LGIF Submission			
Project Previously Submitted			
Previously Submitted In Rounds			
Previous Project Name	NA		
Previous Lead Agency	NA		
Project Narratives			
Nature of Partnership	The City of Wooster, City of Ashland, and City of Orrville seek to work together to consolidate their 9-1-1 dispatch systems, in partnership with Wooster Community Hospital, a Joint Township Hospital District. (The Joint Township Hospital District consists of Chester, Clinton, East Union, Franklin, Killbuck, and Wayne townships in Wayne County). These entities have established a Council of Governments (see attached COG agreement for this tax-exempt governmental unit) wherein the partners have agreed to share costs, and staff where appropriate, to collaboratively design and implement a		

Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency response system which will be housed at the Wooster Community Hospital. The collaboration employs an integrated approach to essential emergency dispatch services. Following several documented and on-going life-threatening emergency response delays, possibly due to complications with antiquated technology and working with differing radio frequencies, coupled with challenges faced by aging equipment, and lack of appropriate security for towers and signals, the need for innovation through partnership has become readily apparent among these neighboring communities. The three cities and joint township hospital district wish to share in meeting current challenges by establishing a new single integrated facility, which will house all dispatchers and provide the technology necessary to enable the efficient and accurate flow of communication (Vertical Integration). The lead agency will be the fiscal agent, while all other activities will be collaboratively discussed and decisions made by consensus as set forth in Council of Governments by-laws. Costs are split between partners by a formula based on population and calls for service.

Project Summary

The City of Wooster, City of Ashland, City of Orrville, and the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) have chosen to enhance safety with dramatically improved emergency response times through consolidating multiple systems into one cohesive operation optimizing the latest technology available at a single location (Wooster Community Hospital premises), finding that substantial cost-savings may be had in the process. Currently, all three cities operate from different systems which do not encompass common needs. The grant funds requested will enable the Council of Governments (COG) to cover the cost of (1) process development associated with the dispatching process utilizing new technology to efficiently process, route, and transfer calls, thereby dramatically enhancing dispatch speed and accuracy, eliminating existing issues contributing to delays and the transmission of inaccurate data; (2) design management implementation of technology, providing for the proper planning of infrastructure required to enable reliable communication flows amongst all emergency operations with greater reliability and flexibility than presently available with each partner working alone; (3) recruitment and training of new dispatchers (many of which are anticipated to be on-boarded from the existing dispatching systems being consolidated). The Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) has committed to providing the space necessary for the new dispatch facility while also providing space on its towers for equipment. During the interim phase, the City of Wooster is committed to providing administrative support, facilities support, and information technology support, with the COG assuming such roles following the completion of the proposed project. The COG is currently responsible for covering the costs of all other necessary aspects.

The final work product entails actionable planning documents, implementation plan with timeline, budget, and persons responsible for the consolidation of the first response systems of the three cities accompanied by data from the completed rehearsal and operational drills. Substantial annual savings and potential efficiencies will be achieved with consolidation at the Wooster Community Hospital. This implementation plan will guide the COG partners as it moves into a situation where there may be opposition to this change. At present, because differing systems are not able to communicate in a single location and operations are stifled by antiquated equipment, response times are slower, accuracy is not guaranteed, and facilities costs as well as personnel costs are duplicated. Critically, cell phone 9-1-1 calls are not easily accommodated by the current systems, presenting a dangerous obstacle to public safety given the increasing use of cell phones

instead of land lines. Potentially-fatal events involving dispatches to wrong cities, costing several minutes in medical response times, may be eliminated with the technology, structure, and integration offered by a collaborative 911 dispatch system.

This Council of Governments will conduct further studies around policy and governance, population growth, radio system inventories and radio numbering, digital platforms, Next Generation 9-1-1, microwave tower construction, customization of the hospital tower, standardized systems and protocols and narrow-banding, and issues requiring further detailed information for implementation. The COG will also diligently study the results of the rehearsals as practical guidance for adjusting the implementation plan. A FEMA Region V tie-in for validation purposes is projected. Emergency notification systems from area colleges (among the area's major employers) will also connect to the new dispatch system.

Past Success

This is a new project. The COG is a new and innovative governance structure supporting neighboring communities with this project as well as others in the future. The more permanent structure of the joint enterprises provides a robust platform to carry out the proposed work while also enabling additional collaborations. The COG structure provides revenues for sustainability as City of Ashland, City of Wooster, City of Orrville, and the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) have agreed to share resources and responsibilities.

Among one of Ohio's few remaining community-owned hospitals, the Wooster Community Hospital came to be through an on-going community-based collaboration from the 1940's involving six townships and a city working to bring regional emergency and regular medical services to Wayne County. (The Joint Township Hospital District consists of Chester, Clinton, East Union, Franklin, Wayne, and Wooster townships in Wayne County and the City of Wooster, with the Wooster Community Hospital Board of Governors including representatives from all partners.) This addition to the project is scalable and will create efficiencies within the existing emergency medical service plan for the entire county, especially with contribution of facilities offered by the Wooster Community Hospital.

The City of Orrville has successfully operated its own 9-1-1 Dispatch system with an established Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), though has sought to incorporate additional technologies and minimize costs. Meanwhile, the City of Ashland and the City of Wooster have shared the cost of dispatch services with their respective counties, however, technology constraints unable to effectively support the needs of urban environments, lack of investment, and untenable costs, have created public safety concerns while also placing taxpayers at a disadvantage. Serving highly urbanized environments, the City of Orrville, the City of Ashland, and the City of Wooster, along with the Wooster Community Hospital, hold inherent needs required to meet the needs of their citizens. Working together as a Council of Governments, and partnering with the LGIF, these communities will be able to build upon past successes, dramatically enhance safety through creating a sustainable and collaborative 9-1-1 dispatch system while saving costs.

Options for funding the rest of the project:

1. Revenues to the COG will be the funds or in-kind funding supplied by each entity, i.e.

City of Ashland, City of Wooster, City of Orrville, and the Wooster Community Hospital. These funds will come from the respective general funds, which were previously encumbered for the services each pay for to the county dispatch centers. The general funds will arrive from income tax.

2. Fees for services. Though efficiencies will be gained without further growth, the COG is designed for scalability and Working to establish a scalable system These fees are based on population, calls for service volumes, or a combination thereof. Included is billing for fire calls based on calls for service, and police calls based on population. (65 Percent of the total COG budget is divided among partnering entities based on their populations, while the remaining 35 percent is allocated based on each community's number of calls for fire or emergency medical service.)

The past success of the COG is therefore recent, and constitutes a growing body of collaborative discussions and agreements.

Scalable This kind of consolidation has been implemented in other regions, and such cooperation can serve as a model for other communities wishing to consolidate services. FEMA Region V and Ohio National Guard Emergency Preparedness activities have been identified within FY2015 for training and implementation connections. This Council of Governments is designed to accept other entities into the system within radio reach, or other entities that may be operationally linked with reliable and compatible additional equipment. Those communities and other related public service entities (e.g. hospitals) that can be added will help defray costs by reducing the number of Public Service Access Points that have to be funded.

Replicable Replicable tools can include the Council of Governments agreement, the FEMA/OHIO National Guard regional emergency management training, the existing data (updated to current savings and population numbers in communities to be served), the plan for professional development for all dispatchers, process development of new technology to manage the logistics of calls and operations (training aspect), a human resources (HR) plan to be used to determine the most suitable and qualified dispatchers to house in the central location with a training plan, and several other process maps around inventory of equipment. Regular monitoring and evaluation of the collaboration activities can provide data as to what is most successfully replicable for other locales. In the future, with the technology incorporated, rehearsals and participation in ongoing emergency preparedness drills of simulated emergencies will be observed, reviewed, and data will be available on how to successfully conduct a rehearsal in other communities. Additionally, whereas current systems used are not able to track critical metrics, such as response times, the proposed equipment, processes, and systems will be able to provide such critical data in order to better identify and correct any service gaps.

Probability of Success Extremely High. The participation of Ohio municipalities in this manner with other state and regional (FEMA) entities is important.

The three communities and the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) are already working together collaboratively with a hired COG director, regular public safety unity-of-effort meetings, and sharing of support resources, such as information technology support provided by the City of Wooster, technical support from the City of Orrville, and consulting efforts with the City of Ashland. This Council of Governments has collaboration protocols and communication channels now in place. The

success of this project will be ensured by establishing its process development, training, and system design management, in addition to performing rehearsals, exercises, and drills simulating all aspects of a natural disaster or widespread emergency. Data from this process involving all police, fire, and EMS services, will identify any unsafe practices, operational gaps, logistics shortages, or areas of low coverage to be addressed, providing critical information not available under some of the current platforms used today by the COG members individually.

The probability of success is extremely high in that this project is informed by similar projects nationwide and leaders will learn from the work of others as they build this new system. Questions concerning project utility are countered by the cost savings and second and third order service integration effects incurred by the consolidation. With LGIF having supported related projects in the past (LGIP G01-010, LGIP L01-007, LGIP L01-008, LGIP G01-086, LGIP L04-001, LGIP G15-1953, LGIP G11-1551, LGIP G13-0139), the City of Wooster, City of Ashland, City of Orrville, and Wooster Community Hospital Joint Township District Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatch Shared Services project is seeking to partner with LGIF in making an investment that promises a return of cost-savings and increased safety.

Performance Audit/Cost
Benchmarking

Interest in sharing services is high because the effort will dramatically enhance safety with new technologies ensuring accurate processes, all while saving substantial funds in the long run. Materials and expert advice will be required for the process development and decision-making. (Examples: establishing the process to be incorporated into a software and equipment framework capable to eliminating errors, tracking data, and expediently routing calls, professional development planning for call center, human resources plan for consolidation, etc.) Ohio cities of Ashland, Orrville, and Wooster expect an approximate 44% cost savings to their operating budgets through collaboration on a shared 9-1-1 dispatching service.

Estimated costs are \$716,000 for equipment in the most likely scenario #1 of the study. Estimated capital and operating costs in that scenario are \$1,397,441 for one year. If other towns join the collaborative, the costs will be further distributed and proportionally lower. Performances cannot be measured until the rehearsal exercise is completed. Benchmarks will be established at that time.

Economic Impact

Faster response times for fire, police, and ambulance will provide a safer community for growth of businesses and residences. The collaboration engineering this public safety project is poised for other economic development activities as they succeed. This project will reduce the amount of oversight needed as the number of responding entities is reduced. The project will reduce the number of facilities to be maintained, while allowing for heightened security and redundancy at the new facility, thus reducing the threat to services substantially. (Whereas, without the COG, the entities must rely on old technology focused toward rural development, complicated with multiple Public Service Access Points and limited security, including non-secure communication towers.)

Prospective new residents and businesses are attracted to financially stable urban areas with high levels of public safety services. Security is essential for the protection of life and property, whether police responding to prevent violence, or an ambulance arriving to revive an unresponsive victim. Being able to respond immediately and to the correct location is essential, two elements entrusted to 9-1-1 dispatch. At the same time, the

members of the COG recognize that the national dialogue about government curbing costs is strongly echoed in Ohio. As taxpayers tighten their household budgets, we will meet their expectations of governments similarly reducing costs by cutting out inherent inefficiencies. Reductions in insurance costs expected by improved public safety response capacity will benefit property owners and residents. As stated in Beyond Boundaries, the private sector has been working on process efficiencies for years; now citizens expect government to follow what has taken place in their workplaces. Cities where tax dollars are spent wisely attract residents. This collaboration's projected potential cost savings/avoidance will affect future tax increases. Businesses and residents will be confident of local government choices on their behalf.

The addition of the Wooster Community Hospital adds significant economic components to the project as the only full service medical provider in the county and with improved levels of patient service and timeliness with no cost increases.

Response to Economic Demand

Populations in the cities of Wooster, Ashland, and Orrville are shifting. Economic demand requires better faster services for emergency responses to population centers. This consolidation of services, and addition of a hospital partner, substantially lowers costs to taxpayers and consumers. The flexibility of the digital upgrades and the expansion capability of the system will adapt to changing populations and their needs, especially cell phone users who will be able to access services on location rather than by relay from the cell tower where they are, to the nearest first response team. Better safety services will be attractive to newcomers who wish to live in the region and who wish to contribute to the economic development of the area. Adding the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) to the collaboration will save the cities and the hospital board dollars and will help maintain service levels without a tax increase. Safer, more secure, and healthier communities are the result. Through a collaboration utilizing new technology, metrics unavailable today may be gathered to identify and immediately correct deficiencies, ensuring the protection of property and most importantly, human life.

Core Services Narrative

The current service model has radio towers in multiple areas, some in non-secure locations. Public Service Access Points operate on varying frequencies necessitating phone confirmation in some emergencies. There is no Next Generation 9-1-1 service or the technology upgrades required by law in some states. Upgrades to acquire NG9-1-1 are needed. Some collaborators work in environments where no inventory of radios are provided and where, due to differing protocols for how first responders are contacted, life-threatening complications are created. The lack of technology and processes under the current scheme has led to emergency personnel being provided with incorrect or incomplete critical information or have been sent to wrong locations during medical emergencies.

The new center for consolidated dispatch will be dedicated to providing faster services in times of need at a much lower cost with centralized 9-1-1 services. These services will be accomplished by reducing the multiple locations of services to one, building state-of-the-art, upgradeable and secure facilities, establishing dispatch process development system as part of incorporating new technology, and by streamlining the hiring and training practices. This COG expects to provide skilled rapid response to emergencies in the region served. Shared logistics is an essential aspect of the collaborative.

Costs will be shared as will personnel who are to be drawn to the central location from

existing personnel, where possible. The COG will explore new accountability processes such as cyclical, mandatory, 100% inventorying of radios and establishing a non-proprietary identification platform for them. The COG will collect and interpret call data to mark trends, and take pro-active steps to source need, possibilities unavailable under the current context and working alone. The collaboration will study the population growth of the area and allocate services accordingly. The COG will develop staged plans to remove obsolete or non-secure equipment installations. Most importantly, the proposed project will create standardized procedures planning for all participating entities and the professional development that will be configured for disseminating the standards. The number of Public Service Access Points will be reduced to one.

Loan Repayment Structure

This application is for a grant of \$45,000 to provide for specific planning activities, estimates, process development concerning call management and dissemination, professional development and training, and the emergency preparedness rehearsals, drills, and "tabletop" simulations.

An expected savings of 44% of the operating budget will be realized. Estimated savings for the City of Wooster in the study range from \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually. The City of Ashland could see an estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 in annual savings.
--Lexis Nexis report March 9, 2012

Between the addition of the Wooster Community Hospital and the cost sharing by the three cities, savings is expected to exceed \$250,000 annually for each city when compared to the current context. The improved response time that comes as a direct result of the new joint dispatch collaborative is priceless as a lifesaving enterprise, providing safety to the local economy while enhancing the protection of human life.

Budget Information

Project Budget Narrative

1.) Process Development and Training (\$47,230): Consulting support in designing processes to be performed by future dispatches. The design process will be incorporated into computer aided technology that easily guides the dispatcher to the appropriate entities while automating calls, enabling for dramatically improved response times and limiting opportunities for human error. Design Implementation will require further collaboration between partners, work with existing communications infrastructure and information technology platforms. (Costs: Design and Project Management: \$24,300; Certification Courses for Police/Fire/EMS for all employees: \$14,280; Quality Assurance courses for staff providing of calls: \$4,950, technology training: \$4,000)

2.) Design Management Implementation (\$133,399): Estimated amount required for consulting support in designing new cross-partner dispatch communications system. Incorporation of new technology is critical to dramatically enhancing safety and accuracy. This project component works support the estimated soft costs associated with the structuring of the new technology required and for defining the framework for how the technology will connect to existing or new equipment among partnering entities.

3.) Recruitment & Training (\$5,000): Estimated cost of establishing testing processes for the recruitment and selection of candidates for the COG's future dispatchers, in addition to assessment packages. This is in addition to in-kind staff time provided through personnel of partnering entities and COG staff.

4.) Rehearsal (\$30,000 Estimate): Conducting these sequential training events requires logistics planning, active communication among various entities, conducting the event itself, and debriefing with data.

Program Budget Narrative

The City of Ashland, City of Orrville, City of Wooster, and the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) will be the initiating entities for the consolidation, and in the future, surrounding cities and other public health and service partners may want to join the collaboration thus spreading the costs. Otherwise, costs will continue to be shared equally by City of Wooster, the City of Ashland, the City of Orrville, with additional contribution from the Wooster Community Hospital. There have been no revenues from the 9-1-1 in the past, as it is an essential service provided by local government.

Assumptions made for this proposal include:

1.) Process Development and Training (\$47,230): A key critical component of the project is the assurance of fast and reliable information. Process development moves several functions into a computer-aided environment designed to minimize human error for the dispatcher while providing comprehensive options and flexibilities. This effort funds the process for all entities collaborating to develop and refine the processes dispatchers will utilize with the new technology for all received calls, with said processes to be ultimately incorporated directly into the computer aided systems upon completion.

2.) Design Management Implementation (\$133,399): While largely supported with consulting support, additional time and funding will be spent by partnering entities individually in defining the design framework and coordinating the processes required to incorporate connections between existing systems or new systems to the COG Dispatch.

3.) Recruitment & Training (\$5,000): Essential for the start-up of the COG, this effort will enable faster, more efficient, and appropriate onboarding of future staff to the project.

4.) Rehearsal (\$30,000 – General estimate only): Required as part of professional development required to maximize the deployment of new technology, rehearsals will allow for the tracking and repair of deficiencies as the system arrives on line.

Total Match	\$140,629
Total Sources	\$45,000
Total Uses	\$185,629 (with LGIF's Partnership - \$45,000)
Local Match Percent	312.00%
Budget Line Item Summary	
Total Three Year Budget	\$2,870,987.00
Total Three Year Revenue	\$2,870,987.00*
Total Projected Three Year Budget	\$2,870,987.00*
Total Projected Three Year Revenue	\$2,870,987.00*
Total Projected Three Year Avoidance	\$0
Return On Investment	

Return On Investment Type Cost Savings from Efficiency

Total Gains \$579,013

Project ROI 16.8%

Magnitude Factor 0.00

ROI Narrative

Pending approval of this project in partnership with the LGIF, the WARCOG Members will absorb, through the defined allocation, the cost of project implementation for the first two years.

--The City of Ashland will save an estimated \$89,166 annually in dispatch costs per year and a 20% reduction from 2015 costs after 2017 if project is approved (Initially \$63,066 in the first two years).

--The City of Wooster would save an estimated \$65,865 annually in dispatch costs per year, a 13% reduction from 2015 costs after 2017 if project is approved (Initially \$34,463 in the first two years).

--The City of Orrville would save an estimated \$82,000 annually in dispatch costs per year, a 41% reduction from 2015 costs after 2017 if project is approved (Initially \$73,462 in the first two years).

--For all three cities, the savings will be \$237,031 per year after 2017, or \$579,013 over the first three years. This yield includes the construction of new facilities, the purchase of equipment, and employee training, including rehearsals, drills, and "tabletop" exercises.

Scoring

Self Score: Population 5

Self Score: Participating Entities 5

Self Score: Past Success 5

Self Score: Scalable 5

Self Score: Replicable 5

Self Score: Probability of Success 5

Self Score: Performance Audit/Benchmark 5

Self Score: Economic Impact 5

Self Score: Response to Economic Demand 5

Self Score: Financial Information 5

Self Score: Local Match 5

Self Score: Core Service 5

Self Score: Repayment Structure 5

Self Score/Score: Cost Savings 5

Self Score/Score: Expected ROI 15

Self Score/Score: Magnitude Factor 0

Self Score: Total 85

Owner Linda Michael

Created By Linda Michael, 12/5/2013 5:40 PM

Last Modified By Linda Michael, 2/6/2014 4:17 PM
Linda Michael, 5/22/15 2:33 PM

LGIF Collaborative Partners
LGIF CP000032

Name City of Ashland

Political Subdivision Type City

Population 20,320

CTV less than 20K

County less than 235K

Name City of Orrville

Political Subdivision Type City

Population 8,456

CTV less than 20K

County less than 235K

Name **Wooster Community Hospital / Joint Township Hospital District**

Joint Township Hospital District (Chester, Clinton, East Union, Franklin,

Political Subdivision Type **Wooster, and Wayne townships in Wayne County, Ohio, and the City of Wooster, Ohio)**

Population **51,971**

CTV less than 20K

County less than 235K

LGIF Sources and Uses

LGIF SU00215

Funding for the COG is provided through each respective municipal member's general fund (At the time of application, this Source (Do Not Include LGIF Funds) includes the City of Ashland, the City of Orrville, and the City of Wooster. Annual member fees are based on a formula concerning population and volume of Fire/EMS calls.)

Source Amount **\$140,629**

Use

Use Amount

LGIF SU00243

Source (Do Not Include LGIF Funds)

Source Amount

Use Other

Use Amount **\$30,000**

LGIF SU00244

Source (Do Not Include LGIF Funds)

Source Amount

Use Other

Use Amount **\$20,000**

LGIF Program Budget Lines

Wooster and Ashland 9-1-1 Dispatch Consolidation

Total Three Year Budget **\$4,287,652**

Total Three Year Revenue **\$0**

Total Projected Three Year Budget **\$2,784,049**

Total Projected Three Year Revenue **\$54,648**

Total Projected Three Year Avoidance **\$0**

Notes & Attachments

WARCOG-Ord.pdf

Ord 57-13 signed.pdf

Type Attachment

Last Modified **Linda Michael**

Description **Ordinance signed by City of Wooster.**

[View file](#)

Signed COG Agreement Wooster.pdf

Type Attachment

Last Modified **Linda Michael**

Description **Ordinance for COG signed by Ashland representatives.**

Demonstrating partnership.

[View file](#)

Type Attachment
Last Modified Linda Michael
Description
[View file](#)
Mins 9-10-13 SS.pdf

Type Attachment
Last Modified Linda Michael
Description Minutes of recent meeting of COG.

Type Attachment
Last Modified Linda Michael
Description
[View file](#)

2014_02_06_15_56_07 Letter of Support Wooster.pdf

Type Attachment
Last Modified Linda Michael
Description
[View file](#)

02-06-14 Letter of Support COG from Mayor Stewart.pdf

Type Attachment
Last Modified Linda Michael

Description Ashland Letter of support for this proposal.
[View file](#)

Wooster Ashland Orrville Regional Council of Governments (WARCOG)

9-1-1 Dispatch Project - Additional Information

The following is in response to six questions the Wooster-Ashland Regional Council of Governments (WARCOG) received with respect to its November 4th, 2015 LGIF (Local Government Innovation Fund) grant resubmittal ahead of the planned May 19th 2016 LGIF session. These responses seek to provide additional information and context for program staff. The WARCOG appreciates the time the LGIF Program has offered in reviewing this re-submission. As this project entailed a critical safety issue impacting the health and welfare of all WARCOG residents, substantial progress and investment has been made since November 2015 in bringing the proposed project to fruition. The WARCOG and its citizens would greatly appreciate the LGIF's support and partnership in completing this critical safety upgrade involving 9-1-1 Dispatching services to over 59,000 residents. We hope that recent investments made will serve as evidence of the program's sustainability as well as its commitment to providing a high return on investment, given the local match and consolidation of existing dispatching services and PSAPs. Thank you.

Project Summary: The WARCOG seeks a partnership with the Ohio Development Services Agency's LGIF Program to help enhance its mission to improve safety through sharing the cost of on-boarding staff to new technologies and to implement third-party quality assurance testing to verify accuracies and identify further safety enhancements. The requested grant would specifically support the quality assurance component. The project is critical to ensuring safety enhancements and tools that will aid the launch of the Wooster-Ashland Council of Governments (WARCOG) 9-1-1 Dispatching system. The cities of Wooster, Ashland, and Orrville, along with the region's Joint Township Hospital District (A consortium that oversees a regional hospital whose membership it consists of Chester, Clinton, East Union, Franklin, Killbuck, and Wayne townships in Wayne County, which also serves as the physical location of the 9-1-1 Dispatch facility) have worked over the last several years to dramatically enhance safety with 9-1-1 Dispatching and enabling the collection of potentially life-saving metrics through the creation of a Council of Governments. The WARCOG is in the process of welcoming the Kidron Fire Department as its newest. At the same time, by joining resources, including an existing Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), the WARCOG has found that a higher level of service can be provided with cost-savings. Whereas current platforms utilizing antiquated technologies and processes have led to critical safety concerns, such as first-responders not receiving information when encountering dangerous persons, and ambulances being routed to the wrong city for non-responsive victims, the WARCOG will institute technology, training, and quality assurance to not only prevent such issues in the future, but also obtain metrics that can identify trends and data to further analyze and improve service.

Problems This Effort Attempts to Solve: In 2011, the Ohio cities of Wooster and Ashland, in order to better serve their communities, safety forces, and save taxpayer dollars, resolved to form a council of governments to provide emergency dispatch services. Both cities observed inefficiencies in their current operations due to a lack of proper equipment and operations of the dispatch process, stifling life-saving communications. With the lack of consistent process and technology needed to support an urban environment, including recent instances in 2015 when ambulances had been sent to wrong jurisdictions for unresponsive patients, police officers have missed critical safety details, and the calculation of basic information, such as response times and other vital statistics, had not been possible. With security for the lives and welfare of its citizens a most paramount duty, the two urban areas began developing a scalable strategy that would not only solve existing safety deficiencies, but also track data that could be used to assess trends and identify issues to increase life-saving services, all the while, lowering actual costs for residents.

After years of planning and developing strategies, the WARCOG grew from a concept into a genuine council of governments, later including the City of Orrville and its PSAP, and currently welcoming the Kidron Fire Department. The WARCOG continues to remain flexible in order to accommodate other area entities who may desire service in the future. Having pooled together resources, the WARCOG intends to launch its initial service in June of 2016. To maximize efficiencies and to ensure that the new venture will capitalize upon the investments made to date, the WARCOG is seeking ODSA's partnership in enabling the onboarding of employees to the new technology being utilized and to provide detailed third-party quality assurance that will serve to identify deficiencies as well as opportunities for improvement.

Specifically, as the WARCOG will be using technology new to the region to better guide the dispatch process and eliminate errors, additional training will be necessary through 2017 to prepare dispatchers. In addition to the construction of a new dispatch center (within the confines of the Joint Township Hospital District), the WARCOG has already made a sizeable investment to cover the process development of its state-of-the-art dispatch and

communication systems. Computer-aided technologies will work to guide Dispatchers through call processing, minimizing the opportunity for human error. Additional capabilities brought on by the newly purchased equipment includes the ability to ascertain the location of cell-phone users, a widely used life-saving technology not currently available to the WARCOG partners that can direct safety forces with greater accuracy to an emergency. Additional training will allow new dispatchers to enhance proficiency, ensuring the technology is utilized to its highest potential.

A third-party approach to data analysis and quality assurance is also an essential element to protecting each community's investment in the WARCOG and ensuring a safer future. This is in lieu of conducting quality assurance internally, eliminating several conflicts. In its research, the WARCOG observed utilizing staff part-time for quality assurance had a tendency to become punitive in nature over time toward the very dispatchers the system was designed to assist, limiting its effectiveness. It was also observed that models using only periodic local quality assurance also lacked the insight into solutions that a third-party quality assurance provider is able to offer, having worked across a myriad of platforms. At other times, the level of local quality assurance was severely limited by other staff demands. The proposed third-party the WARCOG is seeking to utilize is National Service Q, which would provide review of 25 percent of all police, fire, and medical dispatching calls over a minimum 180-day period during the operation's start-up.

A partnership with the LGIF would help make these two elements an assured reality.

Project Goals: As stated previously, the goal of this effort is to onboard new dispatchers to the region's premiere 9-1-1 Dispatching facility, and to ensure quality and identify solutions to maximizing efficiencies in operations and procedures. With the upcoming launch of the WARCOG's service in June of 2016, it is imperative that new employees are fully trained to maximize the abilities and potential of new technology designed to dramatically improve response times and accuracy. This will further the overall goal of the WARCOG, which is the provision of quality emergency service offering far greater accuracy than was previously available when WARCOG communities worked alone.

Currently, the cities of Ashland, Wooster, and Orrville cities operate from different systems which do not encompass common needs. The grant funds requested will enable the Council of Governments (COG) to develop its new staff, still in the process of being hired, to properly operate on the new 9-1-1 Dispatching platform. Already, through the efforts and contributions of the WARCOG partners, the goal of securing and constructing a new center of operations for 9-1-1 Dispatch is nearly complete, in addition to the funding of staff, equipment, and installation of a communication tower.

Proposal Partnership History: The WARCOG partnership was first explored in 2010, following a study by the Cleveland State University that was commissioned by the City of Wooster, City of Ashland, and Wayne County Commissioners. It was determined that substantial investment was required in new infrastructure to repair life-threatening deficiencies and unnecessary expenditures. As various models were explored over the next several years, the partners realized that a Council of Governments would be the most appropriate entity offering the greatest flexibility for scalable 9-1-1 Dispatching operations.

As the concept moved into detailed planning, the cities of Wooster and Ashland found additional commonalities in service needs. The Joint Township Hospital District, a consortium comprised of Chester, Clinton, East Union, Franklin, Killbuck, and Wayne townships in Wayne County, offered space that the concept dispatching center could utilize.

In 2014, the cities of Ashland and Wooster, and the Joint Township Hospital District, formalized a Council of Governments. The Council invited all other entities in the region to join its partnership, and provisions were made to allow for new members far into the future. A commitment was made to commence construction of a new single integrated facility, which would house all WARCOG dispatchers and provide the technology necessary to enable the efficient and accurate flow of communication (Vertical Integration).

Later, in 2015, the City of Orrville, which managed its own dispatching operation and its own PSAP, decided to join. Most recently, the Kidron Fire Department is actively working to partner with the WARCOG, serving the Census Designated Place of Kidron and its 4,000 residents. With substantial investment already made into a promising new system, the WARCOG will be able to launch 9-1-1 dispatching service utilizing the latest in available technology, maximizing safety. Additional support, however, is needed to ensure that the technology is utilized to its best potential.

Demonstration of Need: Training and quality assurance are essential elements in launching the WARCOG 9-1-1 Dispatch Service. Coupled with the investment already made in new equipment, facility space, and staff, additional effort is needed to attain maximum efficiency for the near future and long-term. This will enable faster response times for fire, police, and ambulance will provide a safer community for growth of businesses and residences.

As stated previously, the WARCOG was established to resolve the complications that currently lead to on-going life-threatening complications occurring within the current systems being utilized. The current service model has radio towers in multiple areas, some in non-secure locations. Existing PSAPs operate on varying frequencies necessitating phone confirmation in some emergencies. There is no Next Generation 9-1-1 service or the technology upgrades required by law in some states. Upgrades to acquire NG9-1-1 are needed. Some collaborators work in environments where no inventory of radios are provided and where, due to differing protocols for how first responders are contacted, life-threatening complications are created. The lack of technology and processes under the current scheme has led to emergency personnel being provided with incorrect or incomplete critical information or have been sent to wrong locations during medical emergencies.

The addition of the Wooster Community Hospital adds significant economic components to the project as the only full service medical provider in the county and with improved levels of patient service and timeliness with no cost increases. This collaboration's projected potential cost savings/avoidance will limit the need for future tax increases. Businesses and residents will be confident of local government choices on their behalf.

Please reference the WARCOG's original grant request re-submission from 3 November 2015 for further details.

Cost Savings: As noted in our November 4th grant request resubmittal, the cities of Ashland, Wooster, and Orrville anticipated an annual savings of 20%, 13%, and 41% respectively once the system is in full operation. Between the addition of the Wooster Community Hospital and the cost sharing by the three cities, savings is expected to exceed \$250,000 annually for each city when compared to the current context. The improved response time that comes as a direct result of the new joint dispatch collaborative is priceless as a lifesaving enterprise, providing safety to the local economy while enhancing the protection of human life.

An expected savings of 44% of the operating budget is projected with the inauguration of the WARCOG's Dispatch service in later 2016. Based on previous studies, the estimated cost-savings for the City of Wooster in the study ranges from \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually. The City of Ashland may see an estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 in annual savings. (Lexis Nexis report March 9, 2012.)

Overall, as stated in the original grant request re-submission, this consolidation of services, and addition of a hospital partner, substantially lowers costs to taxpayers and consumers. The flexibility of the digital upgrades and the expansion capability of the system will allow the WARCOG to adapt its operations and services to changing populations and their needs, including cell phone users who will be able to access services on location rather than by relay from the cell tower where they are, to the nearest first response team. These dramatically enhanced safety services will be attractive to new residents and businesses wishing to live in the region and contribute to the economic development of the area.

Already, ample cost-savings have been realized with the Wooster Community Hospital (Joint Township Hospital District) contribution of facility space, allowing the creation of a dispatching center and improve service without a tax increase.

Ultimately, safer, more secure, and healthier communities are the result. Through a collaboration utilizing new technology, metrics unavailable today may be gathered to identify and immediately correct deficiencies, ensuring the protection of property and most importantly, human life. Wooster, Ashland, Orrville, and other WARCOG partners will be able to identify the amount of time it takes for an ambulance to reach a resident in need, and then critically analyze such data to improve the system further.

As stated in the original re-submission, the costs for WARCOG operations are shared among partners based on a combination of call volumes (with regard to fire dispatching and police dispatching) and population (with regard to police dispatching). Costs are projected to decrease further with the addition of new members.

Furthermore, the WARCOG is actively investigating new accountability processes such as cyclical, mandatory, 100% inventorying of radios and establishing a non-proprietary identification platform for them. The WARCOG will collect and interpret call data to mark trends, and take pro-active steps to source need, possibilities unavailable under the current context and working alone. The collaboration will study the population growth of the area and allocate services accordingly. The WARCOG will then develop staged plans to remove obsolete or non-secure equipment installations.

Most importantly, the proposed project will create standardized procedures planning for all participating entities and the professional development that will be configured for disseminating the standards. The number of PSAPs will be reduced to one. With the LGIF's partnership, the WARCOG and its residents will be able to secure proper training and third-party quality assurance through 2017, protecting lives far into the future.

Project Budget: Sources and Uses of Funds	
Instructions here	
Total Grant Amount Requested	\$ 45,000.00
Total Match being Provided	\$ 600,082.31
Total Project Cost	\$ 645,082.31

The amount of grant dollars you are requesting in this application

Total match provided must be at least 10% of the total project cost

This cell will automatically populate from B3

This cell will automatically populate from 63

Select from the drop-down menu in the cell either In-kind match or Cash match, and provide the corresponding dollar amount

Describe the match listed in the above cell- Which partner is it coming from? What specifically is it? (ex: staff time, donation of space, food, etc.)

Repeat as necessary

Note: All Local Match rows should total the amount in B4

Total Uses of Funds and Total Sources of Funds must match

Select from the drop-down menu in the cell the Use of Funds, and provide the corresponding dollar amount

Describe the item listed in the above cell--Ex: for Consulting Fees, how many hours are being accounted for? What is the hourly rate of the consultant?

Repeat as necessary (report.)

Note: Hard costs cannot exceed 10% of grant funds being requested

Total Uses of Funds and Total Sources of Funds must match

This cell will automatically populate from B5

Project Budget: Sources and Uses of Funds	
Instructions here	
Total Grant Amount Requested	\$ 45,000.00
Total Match being Provided	\$ 600,082.31
Total Project Cost	\$ 645,082.31

The amount of grant dollars you are requesting in this application

Total match provided must be at least 10% of the total project cost

This cell will automatically populate from B3

This cell will automatically populate from 63

Select from the drop-down menu in the cell either In-kind match or Cash match, and provide the corresponding dollar amount

Describe the match listed in the above cell- Which partner is it coming from? What specifically is it? (ex: staff time, donation of space, food, etc.)

Repeat as necessary

Note: All Local Match rows should total the amount in B4

Total Uses of Funds and Total Sources of Funds must match

Select from the drop-down menu in the cell the Use of Funds, and provide the corresponding dollar amount

Describe the item listed in the above cell--Ex: for Consulting Fees, how many hours are being accounted for? What is the hourly rate of the consultant?

Repeat as necessary (report.)

Note: Hard costs cannot exceed 10% of grant funds being requested

Total Uses of Funds and Total Sources of Funds must match

This cell will automatically populate from B5

Project Timeline

Include task/activities/goal for each month on the left hand side the length of time expected for the task or goal to be completed. See next tab for an example.

Activity/ Tasks and Goals	From - To
1 Dispatch Hiring and Dispatcher Training.	May-16 Jun-16 Jul-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17
2 Equipment Installation, Equipment Testing	Equipment: Installation/Test
3 WARCOC 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Launch	Launch
4 3rd-Part Dispatching Quality Assurance Assessment	3rd-Part Dispatching Quality Assurance Assessment
5 Quality Assurance and Data Assessment and Implement Solutions	Implement Solutions from Quality Assurance Assessment
6	
7	

**WOOSTER-ASHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AMENDED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

ARTICLE I

**NAME, AREA TO BE INCLUDED
ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORIZATION**

Section 1. The organization shall be known as the **Wooster-Ashland Regional Council Of Governments** ("Council") and shall consist of the Cities of Wooster, Orrville and Ashland, Ohio (the "Founding Members"), who are the initial parties to these Articles, as well as those qualified persons or entities who are later admitted to membership pursuant to these Articles (all such members are hereinafter referred to as the "Members").

Section 2. The area included within the Council shall be the entire area of the political subdivisions which are Founding Members or Members of the Council (herein called the "Council Region").

Section 3. These Articles are adopted pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ARTICLE II

POWERS AND PURPOSES

Section 1. The Council shall have the power to do all things which Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code requires or permits it to do, including the power to carry out the purposes set forth below, provided that the Council shall not have the power to do any act prohibited by the constitution or statutes of Ohio. Such powers shall include, without limitation, the power to adopt rules of procedure for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business and the power to appoint such committees and advisory groups as the Council may deem appropriate to assist it in carrying out its purposes.

Section 2. The powers of the Council may be exercised to achieve the following purposes:

- a. To plan for, to create, and to operate a joint dispatching system for police, fire, Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), and other related public safety services within the Council Area.
- b. When and if one or more counties become Members, to add dispatching for the sheriff, animal control, and emergency management, and other related county functions to the joint dispatching system.

- c. To provide a link between the above dispatching systems and the State emergency management services platform.
- d. To receive and accept funds, grants, gifts, assistance, bequests, services and other contributions from any federal, state or local government or any of their political subdivisions, agencies, departments, instrumentalities, or special districts, or from any private or civic source, and to enter into contracts and agreements with respect thereto;
- e. To expend funds, grants, gifts, assistance, bequests, services and other contributions received from any federal, state or local government or any of their political subdivisions, agencies, departments, instrumentalities, or special districts, or from any private or civic source, and to enter into contracts and agreements with respect thereto;
- f. To the extent permitted by law, to establish and charge fees for services rendered, and to recover costs and expenses incurred by the Council in providing services, for or on behalf of any federal, state or local government or any of their political subdivisions, agencies, departments, instrumentalities, or special districts, or to any private person or entity;
- g. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers.
- h. To purchase, acquire, own, hold, operate, maintain, lease or sell real, personal, tangible or intangible property.
- i. To supply or provide for any matching funds required by any application for funding submitted by the Council or any grant received by the Council or agreement to be executed by the Council.
- j. To take such other actions, do such other things or undertake such other programs as are necessary, appropriate or desirable to effectuate any other lawful purpose of the Council deemed necessary, appropriate or desirable by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III GOVERNANCE

A. GENERAL

The activities of the Council shall be conducted by the Board of Directors which shall act by vote of its members as provided in these Articles or the By-Laws or through its Executive Committee by vote of its members as provided in these Articles or the By-laws. Any act of the Board of Directors shall be an act of the Council. To the extent provided in the By-Laws, the Executive Committee shall have all the power of the Board

of Directors however conferred, and may take any action which the Board of Directors may take in the name of and on behalf of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in the By-Laws.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. A Board of Directors is hereby created for purposes of conducting the activities of the Council, consisting of the following persons:

- a. At least one (1) elected public official of each municipal corporation (which, in the case of a municipal corporation, shall be the mayor), township, or county that is a Founding Member, plus any additional Directors provided for in b., below;
- b. The following additional Directors:
 - (i) Two (2) additional Directors appointed by each Founding Member, plus an additional Director appointed in alternate years beginning first with the City of Wooster, then by the City of Ashland, and then the City of Orrville (for a total of seven (7) Directors appointed hereunder).
 - (ii) Three additional Directors, with one each to be appointed by the respective Presidents of Council of the Cities of Wooster, Orrville and Ashland.
 - (iii) Additional Directors may be appointed by the initial Founding Members and each municipal corporation, county, or township that is later admitted as a Member pursuant to Article X hereof pursuant to such rules and requirements as may be agreed upon by the Board of Directors when approving the admission of a new Member.
 - (iv) If the number of Directors resulting from the foregoing is an even number, one additional Director shall be appointed on an annual rotating basis by one of the initial Members. The rotation shall start first with the City of Wooster, then go to the City of Ashland, and then to the City of Orrville.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specified herein, each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and/or until the successor of such Director is selected and qualified. The term of any Director shall terminate (a) upon the death, disability or resignation of such Director, (b) if and when the Director ceases to meet the applicable qualifications under this Article III, or (c) upon the removal of the Director by the Member that appointed that Director.

Section 3. In the absence of a Director, the Member appointing that Director may appoint an alternate to act as a Director during the regular Director's absence.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall make an annual report of the Council's activities to the Members.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Council may, through its By-Laws, establish an Executive Committee with full power to act for and on behalf of the Board of Directors as provided in the By-Laws, consisting of Directors designated or elected pursuant to the By-Laws; but the Executive Committee shall have no power to amend the By-Laws.

D. PARTICIPANTS NOT TO BENEFIT

Section 1. No person may be a member of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee if such person or the family, employees or agents of such person has any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract to which the Council is a party, and no part of the income of the Council shall be diverted in any manner, directly or indirectly, or otherwise inure to the benefit of any such person.

ARTICLE IV

BUDGET AND FINANCING

The Council shall be financed in the following manner:

Section 1. An annual budget for the Council, and any modifications thereto, shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The budget shall determine the total amount of revenue that must be provided by assessment against the Members for each budget year.

Section 2. The annual cost assessed to non-Founding Members shall be as set forth in the written Agreement between said non-Founding Member and the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The annual cost assessed to each Founding Member shall be based upon the formula as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Said formula shall be applied towards the remaining revenue required to meet the annual budget, less the contributions by the non-Founding Members set forth in Section 2 of this Article IV.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be a President, at least one Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as the Directors shall deem advisable and appoint. The officers shall be chosen by the Directors and shall hold office for one (1) year and/or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The officers shall perform the duties customarily performed by officers holding their respective positions and shall have such further duties as may be designated to them from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Director, who if so appointed shall be the Secretary of the Council. In addition, the Executive Director shall be the administrator of the Council responsible for carrying out the policies and programs of the Council in accordance with the Articles, By-Laws and policies of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, as well as applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. The Executive Director shall have the authority to employ, assign, supervise, and release all employees and staff of the Council within the framework and general limitations and policies established by the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

WITHDRAWAL AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Any Member may withdraw its membership upon written notice to the Council, which withdrawal shall be effective two (2) years after receipt of the notice by the Council unless a later date is proposed in the withdrawal notice or an earlier date is approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Council shall exist for a term of five (5) years, which term shall automatically renew for further terms of five (5) years each, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Members, by legislative action, elect that such term shall not be renewed and shall have furnished certified evidence of such action to the Council not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of any such term, or unless an earlier date for termination is agreed to by all Members.

Section 3. On dissolution, after payment of all outstanding obligations and liabilities of the Council and the providing of sufficient funds to insure the completion of any project for which federal funds have been received, the Council's net assets of every nature and description which have been contributed by public bodies shall revert to the said public bodies in proportion to each body's contribution toward the said assets and any balance thereof shall be paid over and transferred to one or more corporations, trusts, community chests, funds or foundations organized and operated exclusively for

educational, charitable, scientific or literary purposes, no substantial part of the activities of which is the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, no part of the activities of which shall be the participation in or intervention in any political campaign for any political office, directly or indirectly, and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of a private shareholder or individual.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended or repealed or new Articles may be adopted by unanimous consent of the Members. Any such amendment shall be effective upon such adoption and the obtaining of any approval required by applicable statutes to be obtained prior to such amendment being effective.

ARTICLE VIII

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 hereof, the Council shall indemnify each present and future Director, officer, employee or agent of the Council against any losses, liabilities, costs and expenses, including counsel fees, which may be imposed on or reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding hereafter made, instituted or threatened in which such person may be involved by reason of such person being or having been a Director or officer or employee or agent of the Council, whether such person continues to be a Director or officer or employee or agent at the time of the imposition of such costs or incurring of such losses, liabilities or expenses or not, such losses, liabilities, costs and expenses to include without limitation the cost of such Director or officer or employee or agent of reasonable settlements, other than amounts paid to the Council itself.

Section 2. Notwithstanding anything else set forth in these Articles, the Council shall not indemnify any Director or officer or employee or agent with respect to matters as to which such person shall be finally adjudged in any such action, suit or proceeding to be liable by reason of negligence, misconduct or dereliction in the performance of such person's duties as such Director or officer or employee or agent. In the event of a settlement, indemnification shall be provided only in connection with such matters covered by the settlement as to which the Council is advised by its counsel that the person to be indemnified did not commit a breach of duty involving negligence, misconduct or dereliction of duty.

Section 3. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any Director or officer or employee or agent may be entitled as a

matter of law, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of any such Director or officer or employee or agent.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. These Articles of Agreement shall become effective as of the date, and only as of the date, on which [1] the governing body of each of the Founding Members has adopted a resolution authorizing the amendment of the Amended Articles and the execution of these Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement, and [2] the governing body of each of the Founding Members has executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. Additional Members may be admitted to the Council with the approval of the Board of Directors by adopting and becoming a party of these Articles, and by fulfilling such requirements as may imposed by the Board of Directors as conditions to membership. Such conditions may include, without limitation, payment, or execution of agreements satisfactory to the Council to pay, such sums, charges, costs and expenses as the Board of Directors may specify (which may, for example, include costs and expenses to the Council of updating the records and data bases of the Council to incorporate appropriate information regarding the new Members).

[Note: These Amended Articles were approved by resolution of the Board of Directors at a vote taken at the regular COG meetings on August 25 and September 22, 2015.]

City of Wooster

Robert F. Breneman
Robert F. Breneman, Mayor

Dated: 9-28-2015

City of Ashland

Glen P. Stewart
Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Dated: 9/23/2015

City of Orrville

David T. Handwerk, Mayor

Dated: _____

Approved as to form:

Richard R. Benson, Jr.
Richard R. Benson, Jr., Director of Law

Richard P. Wolfe
Richard P. Wolfe, Director of Law

Cheryl M. Kirkbride, Director of Law

City of Wooster

City of Ashland

Robert F. Breneman, Mayor

Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

City of Orrville

David T. Handwerk
David T. Handwerk, Mayor

Dated: 10/5/15

Approved as to form:

Richard R. Benson, Jr., Director of Law

Richard P. Wolfe, Director of Law

Cheryl M. Kirkbride
Cheryl M. Kirkbride, Director of Law

**BY-LAWS OF THE WOOSTER-ASHLAND
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Article I.
Board of Directors**

Section 1. General

- a) Authority: The authority of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Articles of Agreement establishing the Council in effect from time to time (the "Articles of Agreement").
- b) Composition: The composition of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Articles of Agreement.

Section 2. Meetings.

- a) Place of Meetings. The Board of Directors may hold meetings at any location within or without the Council Region.
- b) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the fourth Thursday of April or such other date determined by action of the Board of Directors.
- c) Meeting to Appoint and Elect Directors. The Board of Directors shall reconstitute itself in accordance with the Articles of Agreement and these By-Laws at its regular January meeting or at such other meeting as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors.
- d) Regular Meeting. The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless waived by the order of the President or either Vice President or unless another date is established by action of the Board of Directors.
- e) Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon the call of the President, a Vice President or any two (2) Directors.
- f) Quorum. The presence in person of twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The Directors present at a duly organized meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Directors to leave less than a quorum.
- g) Voting. Each Director, including voting ex-officio Directors, shall be entitled to one vote. The Board of Directors shall act by majority vote of those present at any duly called meeting at which a quorum was present.

h) **Notice.**

(1) To Directors. Prior notice of every meeting of the Board of Directors stating the time and place, and the purpose thereof shall be given by personal delivery or by mail or, to the extent requested by members of the Board of Directors, by electronic mail transmission not less than two (2) days before the date of the meeting; provided that notice of any meeting may be waived in writing by any Director before or after such meeting. Attendance by a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting.

(2) To Others. A schedule of all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors shall be posted at such places as may be directed by the Executive Director, shall be included in a "web site" maintained by the Council, if any, and a copy shall be sent by mail or electronic mail transmission to any newspaper, radio station, television station or other member of the news media requesting such information. In the case of all special meetings of the Board of Directors, notice of such meetings shall be given to any member of the news media which has requested such notice in such a manner as to be received at least twenty-four hours in advance of any such special meeting; provided that if the special meeting is being called to deal with an emergency requiring immediate action, notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given immediately to such members of the news media but need not be received by them at least twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. A copy of the notices and agendas prepared for all regular and special meetings or a copy of the Council's Newsletter giving substantially the same information shall be given by mail or electronic mail transmission at least two days prior to the date of the meeting to all persons who have requested such information. At its election, the Executive Committee may require as a condition to such mailing or electronic mail transmission the payment by such persons on an annual basis of a sum sufficient to offset cost of such mailings or transmissions. If such mailings or electronic mail transmissions are not practical under the circumstances, the same information shall be given by telephone or other method reasonably adequate to provide such information as early as possible.

Section 3. Vacancies.

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired term by the Member appointing the person whose seat became vacant.

Article II. Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors which shall be composed of the mayors of the Cities of Ashland, Orrville and Wooster, and the Executive Director (who shall be a non-voting member). The Executive Committee shall be subject to the following provisions:

a) Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as it determines. The call of such meetings and the giving of notices thereof shall be in the manner established by these by-laws. At any meeting of the said Committee a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members, but the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Committee shall be necessary to the taking of any action by the Committee.

b) The Executive Committee may adopt by-laws or regulations to provide for the conduct of its affairs, provided that such by-laws or regulations shall not be contrary to the Articles of Agreement as adopted by the Board of Directors (and as may from time-to-time be amended).

c) The said Committee shall, during the intervals between meetings of the Board, possess and exercise such powers of the Board as may be delegated from time to time by the Board to it, provided that the Executive Committee shall not be empowered to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors or offices of the Council of Governments, nor to fill vacancies in or add to its own membership.

d) The Committee shall report its actions at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article III. Other Committees

Section 1. Formation and Authority.

The Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee may create such committees as they shall deem appropriate, necessary, or convenient and may delegate to such committees any of their powers, except the power to fill vacancies or alter the By-Laws. Such committees shall be subject to the control and direction of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The majority of the members of any such committee shall constitute a quorum unless other provisions for a quorum are provided for in the By-Laws and/or Constitution of said committee which have previously been approved by the Executive Committee. The act of the majority of the members of the committee present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. The members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

Section 2. Notice.

(a) To Members. Meetings of any committee formed pursuant to Section 1 of this Article shall be held at such times and upon such notice to the members of the committee as may be agreed upon by the members of any such committee. A schedule of all regularly scheduled meetings of such committee shall be given by personal delivery or by mail or, to the extent requested by members of such committee, by electronic mail transmission not less than two (2) days before the date of the meeting, provided that notice of any meeting may be waived in writing by any member before or after such meeting. Attendance by a member, whether in person or by an alternate, at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting.

(b) To Others. A schedule of all regularly scheduled meetings of any committee formed pursuant to Section 1 of this Article shall be posted at such places as may be directed by the Executive Director or Secretary, shall be included in a "web site" maintained by the Council, if any, and a copy shall be sent by mail or electronic mail transmission to any newspaper, radio station, television station or other member of the news media requesting such information. In the case of all special meetings of any such committee, notice shall be posted at such places as may be directed by the Executive Director or Secretary, shall be included in a "web site" maintained by the Council, if any, and a copy shall be sent by mail or electronic mail transmission to any newspaper, radio station, television station or other member of the news media requesting such information. In the case of all special meetings of such committee, notice of such meetings shall be given to any member of the news media which has requested such notice in such a manner as to be received at least twenty-four hours in advance of any such special meeting; provided that if the special meeting is being called to deal with an emergency requiring immediate action, notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given immediately to such members of the news media but need not be received by them at least twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. A copy of the notices and agendas prepared for all regular and special meetings or a copy of the Council's newsletter giving substantially the same information shall be given by mail or electronic mail transmission at least two days prior to the date of the meeting to all persons requesting such information. At its election, such committee may require as a condition to such mailing or electronic mail transmission the payment of such persons on an annual basis, of a sum sufficient to offset cost of such mailings or transmissions. If such mailings or electronic mail transmissions are not practical under the circumstances, the same information shall be given by telephone or other method reasonably adequate to provide such information as early as possible.

**Article IV.
Personnel**

Section 1. Officers.

The Officers of the Council shall be those named or appointed as provided in the Articles of Agreement. Any person may hold more than one office, except that the same person may not be both President and Treasurer. The President and any Vice-President shall be Directors. No other officer need be a Director.

Section 2. Executive Director.

The Executive Director, if one is appointed, shall be the chief administrator of the Council and shall be selected by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, and shall have such authority as set forth in Articles of Agreement.

**Article VI.
Amendments**

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the By-Laws or to adopt new By-Laws is vested in the Board of Directors, which may alter, amend, or repeal the By-Laws or adopt new By-Laws by the affirmative action of at least one-half of the total number of Directors. The By-Laws may contain any provision for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Council which is not in conflict with any express provision of the Articles of Agreement and which is not contrary to law.

**Article VII.
Seal**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt an official seal of the Council, containing such words as deemed appropriate. Failure to affix any seal shall not affect the validity of any instrument duly executed on behalf of the Council by its officers.

**Article VIII.
Consultants, Supplies and Facilities**

The Executive Director, if one is appointed, or such other person as may be so authorized by the Board of Directors, in the absence of an Executive Director, may contract for the service of such consultants and experts and may purchase or lease or otherwise provide for such supplies, materials, equipment, and facilities he deems necessary and appropriate subject to Ohio law, the Articles of Agreement, these By-Laws, and the policies of the Board of Directors.

Any contract, purchase order, or other single instrument which obligates the Council in excess of \$1,000.00 shall have the prior approval of the Board of Directors

before execution by the Executive Director or any person authorized to execute contracts in the absence of an Executive Director.

**Article IX.
Employee Retirement Plan - Social Security**

The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to establish a retirement plan for employees which plan shall be in writing and be qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any such retirement plan shall provide for contributions by the Council and may condition participation by an employee of his/her contributing to the plan. The Board shall establish a trust for the funding of any such retirement plan and shall appoint a private banking institution or any other organization qualified by the Internal Revenue Service to serve as a Director or custodian of a Section 401 plan to serve as Director or custodian of such retirement plan.

Administration of any such retirement plan shall be vested in a Retirement Plan Administrative Committee. This committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Executive Director (if one is appointed), and of the Secretary.

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (formerly Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare), the Board of Directors is authorized to cause the Council to enter into an agreement with the Secretary providing for coverage of the Council's employees under the Social Security system. This coverage shall supplement any retirement plan adopted pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

[As amended by a vote of the Board of Directors on November 24, 2015.]

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Alexander, Meredith
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Thanks, so will the projects be notified first? Just wondering when it's ok to start releasing info.

From: Alexander, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: FW: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

The Council is meeting right now to approve the grants. There may be a decision made to award a few more that are not scored at 75. If so, I'll email you those that were added. There are 45 total projects (pages 9-60 of the Council Materials attachment).

From: julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov [<mailto:julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 5:58 PM
To: ekkrebs@gmail.com; Rep60; msamolczyk@starkcf.org; William J. Seitz (DST); weinbern@ohio.edu; Daryl.Hennessy@development.ohio.gov; Padmini.Roy-Dixon@development.ohio.gov; Whitney.Sullinger@development.ohio.gov; John.Mahaney@development.ohio.gov; Rachel.Near@development.ohio.gov; Stephanie.Gostomski@development.ohio.gov; oberert@mcoho.org; Wolf, Dick; dinah.geschke@westerville.org; Shari@regionalchamber.com; Amanda Connell; johnmrogersesq@gmail.com; Andrew.Pusateri@development.ohio.gov; Alexander, Meredith; Christine Morrison; Seitz@ohiosenate.gov; mateo.williamson@development.ohio.gov; Eric.Lindner@development.ohio.gov; Todd.Walker@development.ohio.gov; cfink54@gmail.com; CMJordan@ohioauditor.gov; liebermand@mcoho.org; Sarah.Totodo@development.ohio.gov
Cc: Diane.Alecusan@development.ohio.gov; jonathan.stock@development.ohio.gov
Subject: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Good afternoon Local Government Innovation Council,

Attached you will find the meeting materials for our May 19, 2016 meeting. Please note that this meeting will mark the first time we review the Safety Capital Grant Program and the applications that have been reviewed under our new rubric for the Innovation Grant Program. Note that we will not be discussing the Efficiency Program at this meeting. Included in the packet you will find the conflict of interest form, meeting agenda, minutes from our December 3, 2015 meeting, final score sheets for both the Safety Capital Program and Local Government Innovation Grant Program, one-page application summaries for all eligible LGIP applications, the recommended LGSCGP applications and the application material for the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project.

As you review the agenda, you will see listed a request for the Council to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Please note that any discussion and the vote on the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project will occur subsequent to the Executive Session.

We also wanted to pass along a significant decision issued by the Ohio Supreme Court last week under the Open Meetings Act. *See White v. King*, Slip Op. No. 2016-Ohio-2770 (May 3, 2016) (copy attached). The Court, for the first time, clarified that the Open Meetings Act covers email communication among board members. As the Court explained, the Open Meetings Act "prohibits any private prearranged discussion of public business by a majority of the members of a public body regardless of whether the discussion occurs face to face, telephonically, by video conference, or electronically by e-mail, text, tweet, or other form of communication." *Id.* at syl. 1.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Julia Hinten at 614-728-4878 or Diane Alecusan at 614-728-1229. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Thank you,

Julia



Julia Hinten
Local Government Innovation Fund Program Manager
Office of Strategic Business Investments

77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.728.4878 F: 614.728.9135

Julia.Hinten@development.ohio.gov

Email to and from the Ohio Development Services Agency is open to public inspection under Ohio's public record law. Unless a legal exemption applies, this message and any response to it will be released if requested.

The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of ADA Services.

From: Alexander, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 12:02 PM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

I'll have to talk with DSA to see how they handle notifications. I know their own communications team may be marketing too.

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Alexander, Meredith
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Thanks, so will the projects be notified first? Just wondering when it's ok to start releasing info.

From: Alexander, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: FW: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

The Council is meeting right now to approve the grants. There may be a decision made to award a few more that are not scored at 75. If so, I'll email you those that were added. There are 45 total projects (pages 9-60 of the Council Materials attachment).

From: julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov [mailto:julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 5:58 PM
To: ekkrebs@gmail.com; Rep60; msamolczyk@starkcf.org; William J. Seitz (DST); weinberm@ohio.edu; Daryl.Hennessy@development.ohio.gov; Padmini.Roy-Dixon@development.ohio.gov; Whitney.Sullinger@development.ohio.gov; John.Mahaney@development.ohio.gov; Rachel.Near@development.ohio.gov; Stephanie.Gostomski@development.ohio.gov; oberert@mcoho.org; Wolf, Dick; dinah.geschke@westerville.org; Shari@regionalchamber.com; Amanda Connell; johnmrogersesq@gmail.com; Andrew.Pusateri@development.ohio.gov; Alexander, Meredith; Christine Morrison; Seitz@ohiosenate.gov; mateo.williamson@development.ohio.gov; Eric.Lindner@development.ohio.gov; Todd.Walker@development.ohio.gov; cfink54@gmail.com; CMJordan@ohioauditor.gov; liebermand@mcoho.org; Sarah.Totodo@development.ohio.gov
Cc: Diane.Aleucson@development.ohio.gov; jonathan.stock@development.ohio.gov
Subject: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Good afternoon Local Government Innovation Council,

Attached you will find the meeting materials for our May 19, 2016 meeting. Please note that this meeting will mark the first time we review the Safety Capital Grant Program and the applications that have been reviewed under our new rubric for the Innovation Grant Program. Note that we will not be discussing the Efficiency Program at this meeting. Included in the packet you will find the conflict of interest form, meeting agenda, minutes from our December 3, 2015 meeting, final score sheets for both the Safety Capital Program and Local Government Innovation Grant Program, one-page application summaries for all eligible LGIP applications, the recommended LGSCGP applications and the application material for the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project.

As you review the agenda, you will see listed a request for the Council to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Please note that any discussion and the vote on the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project will occur subsequent to the Executive Session.

We also wanted to pass along a significant decision issued by the Ohio Supreme Court last week under the Open Meetings Act. *See White v. King*, Slip Op. No. 2016-Ohio-2770 (May 3, 2016) (copy attached). The Court, for the first time, clarified that the Open Meetings Act covers email communication among board members. As the Court explained, the Open Meetings Act "prohibits any private prearranged discussion of public business by a majority of the members of a public body regardless of whether the discussion occurs face to face, telephonically, by video conference, or electronically by e-mail, text, tweet, or other form of communication." *Id.* at syl. 1.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Julia Hinten at 614-728-4878 or Diane Alecusan at 614-728-1229. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Thank you,

Julia



Julia Hinten
Local Government Innovation Fund Program Manager
Office of Strategic Business Investments

77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.728.4878 F: 614.728.9135

Julia.Hinten@development.ohio.gov

Email to and from the Ohio Development Services Agency is open to public inspection under Ohio's public record law. Unless a legal exemption applies, this message and any response to it will be released if requested.

The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of ADA Services.

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 12:05 PM
To: Alexander, Meredith
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Ok! I'm happy to talk to whoever as well!

From: Alexander, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 12:02 PM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

I'll have to talk with DSA to see how they handle notifications. I know their own communications team may be marketing too.

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Alexander, Meredith
Subject: RE: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Thanks, so will the projects be notified first? Just wondering when it's ok to start releasing info.

From: Alexander, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: FW: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

The Council is meeting right now to approve the grants. There may be a decision made to award a few more that are not scored at 75. If so, I'll email you those that were added. There are 45 total projects (pages 9-60 of the Council Materials attachment).

From: julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov [<mailto:julia.hinten@development.ohio.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 5:58 PM
To: ekkrebs@gmail.com; Rep60; msamolczyk@starkcf.org; William J. Seitz (DST); weinberm@ohio.edu; Daryl.Hennessy@development.ohio.gov; Padmini.Roy-Dixon@development.ohio.gov; Whitney.Sullinger@development.ohio.gov; John.Mahaney@development.ohio.gov; Rachel.Near@development.ohio.gov; Stephanie.Gostonski@development.ohio.gov; oberert@mcoho.org; Wolf, Dick; dinah.geschke@westerville.org; Shari@regionalchamber.com; Amanda Connell; johnmrogersesq@gmail.com; Andrew.Pusateri@development.ohio.gov; Alexander, Meredith; Christine Morrison; Seitz@ohiosenate.gov; mateo.williamson@development.ohio.gov; Eric.Lindner@development.ohio.gov; Todd.Walker@development.ohio.gov; cfink54@gmail.com; CMJordan@ohioauditor.gov; liebermand@mcoho.org;

Sarah.Totodo@development.ohio.gov

Cc: Diane.Alecusan@development.ohio.gov; jonathan.stock@development.ohio.gov

Subject: LGIC Meeting Materials 5.19.16

Good afternoon Local Government Innovation Council,

Attached you will find the meeting materials for our May 19, 2016 meeting. Please note that this meeting will mark the first time we review the Safety Capital Grant Program and the applications that have been reviewed under our new rubric for the Innovation Grant Program. Note that we will not be discussing the Efficiency Program at this meeting. Included in the packet you will find the conflict of interest form, meeting agenda, minutes from our December 3, 2015 meeting, final score sheets for both the Safety Capital Program and Local Government Innovation Grant Program, one-page application summaries for all eligible LGIP applications, the recommended LGSCGP applications and the application material for the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project.

As you review the agenda, you will see listed a request for the Council to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Please note that any discussion and the vote on the Wooster 911 Dispatch Project will occur subsequent to the Executive Session.

We also wanted to pass along a significant decision issued by the Ohio Supreme Court last week under the Open Meetings Act. *See White v. King*, Slip Op. No. 2016-Ohio-2770 (May 3, 2016) (copy attached). The Court, for the first time, clarified that the Open Meetings Act covers email communication among board members. As the Court explained, the Open Meetings Act "prohibits any private prearranged discussion of public business by a majority of the members of a public body regardless of whether the discussion occurs face to face, telephonically, by video conference, or electronically by e-mail, text, tweet, or other form of communication." *Id.* at syl. 1.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Julia Hinten at 614-728-4878 or Diane Alecusan at 614-728-1229. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Thank you,

Julia

Julia Hinten
Local Government Innovation Fund Program Manager
Office of Strategic Business Investments

77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.728.4878 F: 614.728.9135

Julia.Hinten@development.ohio.gov

Email to and from the Ohio Development Services Agency is open to public inspection under Ohio's public record law.
Unless a legal exemption applies, this message and any response to it will be released if requested.

The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of ADA Services.

From: Gongwer News Service
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 6:16 PM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: Ohio Report, Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Attachments: Jun1.htm; Jun1Senate.htm; 160601dayplan.htm



Ohio Report for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Mandel Announces Launch Of Tax-Advantaged Savings, Investment Accounts For People With Disabilities

Brown Touts Columbus Transportation Future As Federal Grant Is Announced For Bus Program

Restraining Order Extended In Planned Parenthood Defund; Group Reaches Settlement Over Fetal Remains

Senate, Committees Set To Return Late September

State Plans Quicker Notification For Harmful Algal Blooms

ODP Questions Trump's Support For Veterans Following Billionaire's Contentious Press Conference

Politics Notebook: ACLU Concerned With RNC Media Restrictions; Brown Talks Pensions; Portman Airs First TV Ads...

Capitol Scene: Kasich Names Kalmbach Press Secretary; Buckeye Institute Adds Research, Communications Staff

Governor's Appointments

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Supplemental Event Planner

Activity Reports

Senate

Calendars

Day Planner

Please send all correspondence to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com This mailbox is not regularly monitored.

Copyright, 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. All Rights Reserved. This message and any attachments may not be forwarded or reproduced without express permission from Gongwer News Service.



Volume #85, Report #105 -- Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Mandel Announces Launch Of Tax-Advantaged Savings, Investment Accounts For People With Disabilities

State Treasurer Josh Mandel on Wednesday announced the launch of a program enabling people living with certain disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs.

Earnings from the State Treasury Achieving a Better Life Experience Accounts aren't subject to federal income tax and the money in the accounts would be exempt from state and federal means testing for programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

"As treasurer of Ohio I am proud to serve as administrator of STABLE Accounts," Treasurer Mandel said in a statement. "By assisting individuals and families with saving and investing, we are supporting persons with disabilities to maintain health, independence and quality of life."

Ohio is the first state to provide the accounts, which were made possible by federal legislation in 2014, according to the treasurer's office. Legislation (HB 155) signed by Gov. John Kasich last July directed the treasurer to implement the program, originally named ABLE.

The accounts are designed to help people with disabilities gain more economic opportunities without jeopardizing their eligibility for care under government programs.

"Today is a historical achievement as now ABLE accounts are a reality for all individuals with disabilities in America thanks to the hard work of so many dedicated advocates from across the US," said National Down Syndrome Society President Sara Hart Weir. "We couldn't be more proud to participate in the launch of the STABLE Accounts in Ohio."

Ohio's program is open to anyone across the country who meets eligibility requirements, though the fees are higher for people who live out-of-state. Ohio residents will pay \$2.50 per month to maintain the accounts, while residents of other states will pay \$5 per month. Ohio residents will pay an asset-based fee of between 0.19-0.34%, depending on investment options, while out-of-state residents will pay a fee between 0.45- 0.60%.

Participants can use the money from the account for qualified expenses, including education, health care, housing and transportation. Participants will be able to choose between five different investment strategies that range in risk levels, including a banking approach that offers no risk and is backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Ohio, by providing these tax-advantaged savings accounts to children and adults with disabilities, has begun to pave the way for a transformative opportunity for one of our country's most disenfranchised populations," said Christopher Rodriguez, senior public policy adviser of the National Disability Institute. "The benefits of these STABLE Accounts will surely promote people with disabilities, and their families, to save for their futures and become a more significant part of the economic mainstream."

The accounts have a yearly contribution limit of \$14,000. Accounts can be set up for free on the program's website, and an initial contribution of \$50 is required.

The legislation that enabled the program passed the House and Senate unanimously last year. The bill's sponsors, Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Margaret Condit (R-Liberty Twp.) said it would help lift people with disabilities out of poverty by allowing them to make and save more money without losing vital programs for their care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 20, 2015)

Brown Touts Columbus Transportation Future As Federal Grant Is Announced For Bus Program

Federal officials were in Columbus Wednesday to announce a \$37 million grant designed to improve public transit in a corridor of Columbus.

The grant, presented by Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), is designed to help fund a bus rapid transit system along the Cleveland Avenue corridor in Northeast Columbus.

Sen. Brown praised the system as a way of improving access to jobs and increasing opportunities for people who use the route. The system will cut down on the time people spend waiting for buses and riding buses, he said.

"One of the beauties of doing this right in such a progressive city like Columbus is it will make people's lives better and make their time more theirs," he said.

The bus rapid transit program, known as CMAX, will stretch from downtown to Westerville, with 32 bus stops, two new park-and-ride lots and 15 new compressed natural gas buses. It is expected to launch in January 2018.

COTA President and CEO W. Curtis Stitt praised Sen. Brown for his work to maintain the level of funding for public transit programs in the latest long-term transportation authorization bill.

"Without his steadfast support, funding for this would have been impossible," Mr. Stitt said.

After the event and ceremonial grant signing, Sen. Brown said he believed the new bus line would help Columbus win the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge.

The Ohio Legislature last week adopted a resolution (SCR 21~~00~~) urging the DOT to choose Columbus. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

Winning the Smart City Challenge, he said would be bigger than just winning \$40 million for transportation programs, he said. Columbus groups have offered an additional \$90 million in investment if Columbus, one of seven national finalists, lands the grant this summer.

"It makes us bigger as a city and as a state nationally," Sen. Brown said. "There will be all kinds of creative people in Central Ohio parlaying that into all kinds of things."

Sen. Brown also said he didn't think the CMAX program precludes Columbus from receiving funding for possible light rail programs later on.

"We're not saying no to light rail," he said. "I think that nothing's off the table."

Restraining Order Extended In Planned Parenthood Defund; Group Reaches Settlement Over Fetal Remains

Planned Parenthood scored two legal victories in recent days, including Wednesday's extension of a temporary restraining order preventing the state from defunding the organization.

The TRO extension was issued by federal Judge Michael Barrett and will remain in effect until Aug. 5. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Planned Parenthood cheered the ruling in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

"Without the action by the court today, some of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens would be left without health care options. Especially for families in underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is the only place to turn," said Iris Harvey, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

"Our government should be supporting programs that serve to improve the health and safety of our communities, not using Ohioans as political pawns. We want the people of Ohio to know one thing: Our doors are staying open, no matter what."

Right to Life Ohio blasted the ruling as judicial activism.

"The decision to extend the restraining order casts a light on the might and influence of Big Abortion, even in a pro-life state. Despite the will of Ohio voters, an unelected judge just halted their democratically enacted, constitutional law by another two months," spokeswoman Katherine Franklin said in a statement. "The conscience rights of all Ohioans, including pro-life Ohioans, matter. By preventing the enactment of this legislation, the judge is sending the opposite signal to half of Ohio's voters."

The defunding of the group - which would cost Planned Parenthood \$1.1 million annually in state money - was approved by lawmakers through a bill (HB 294) signed into law by Gov. John Kasich earlier this year. The cutoff was set to go into effect on May 23.

However, Judge Barrett last week initially issued a temporary restraining order through June 6, ruling the organization was likely to succeed in its lawsuit on both First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment grounds. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2016)

In a separate case, the organization has reached a settlement with the Department of Health that will require the state to pay \$45,447 in attorney fees. Federal Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. will maintain jurisdiction over the case to ensure the settlement agreement is enforced.

The settlement stems from an investigation by Attorney General Mike DeWine that allegedly found that Planned Parenthood affiliates violated Ohio Administrative Code by handing over fetal remains to companies that dispose of them in landfills - a claim the group denied. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 11, 2015)

The court, however, issued a 28-day temporary restraining order against any legal action stemming from the AG's investigation into the group's abortion policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2015)

Soon after, Mr. DeWine announced that he would not enforce the "humane disposal" section of the Administrative Code while the Department of Health and General Assembly sought to further clarify the law. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 18, 2015)

Mr. DeWine's investigation led to a flurry of legislative activity, including a measure (HB 417) that would require the woman seeking an abortion to choose either burial or cremation. Another bill (HB 419) would require the director of the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring abortion facilities to dispose of fetal remains by burial or cremation. Similar legislation (SB 254) was introduced in and recently cleared the Senate.

Senate, Committees Set To Return Late September

The Senate and its committees are set to return to Columbus in late September, according to a schedule released by the chamber on Wednesday.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) has set session and committee dates on September 27, 28 and 29, followed by meetings on October 4, 5 and 6.

The chamber could then return to action after the November election, with if-needed dates set for November 9 and 10.

Dates are also scheduled for November 15, 16, 22 (if needed), 29 and 30.

The chamber is set for session and committee dates on December 1, 6, 7 and 8, with if-needed sessions on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 28th.

The House last week released its schedule for the remainder of the year, with the calendar showing as many as eight session dates. None of the dates on the House schedule are before the election. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 27, 2016)

State Plans Quicker Notification For Harmful Algal Blooms

State agencies have retooled their approach to public outreach efforts when it comes to harmful algal blooms in the state's recreational waterways.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Health and Natural Resources, in a joint announcement, recently outlined a new strategy to increase awareness among citizens before they enter the water.

As part of the plan, the state will be quicker in issuing public health advisories by basing those alerts solely on the levels of harmful algal bloom toxins, such as microcystin, ODH Medical Director Mary DiOrio said.

Advisories were previously declared only following documented health issues thought to be caused by algal toxins.

"As we continue to better understand harmful algal blooms and the toxins they may produce, we have eliminated the previous requirement for a probable case of an algal bloom-related human illness or a pet death before issuing an elevated recreational public health advisory," Dr. DiOrio said.

In addition to faster public warnings, the state will rely on a website to provide a roundup of ongoing advisories and other pertinent data.

"We are encouraging people to 'know before you go' by checking our BeachGuard website," Dr. DiOrio said. "BeachGuard lists any recreational public health advisories and water quality data for some toxins and E. coli bacteria for Ohio state park lake beaches and boat ramps as well as participating non-state public and private beaches."

Another key component of the new awareness effort is a revamped signage system. A white sign will be posted at all state park beaches and boat ramps, describing the appearance of algal blooms and instructing visitors to be on the lookout.

If an algal bloom is confirmed or when toxin levels are equal to or exceed the designated threshold - six parts per billion for microcystin - orange "warning" signs will be added to the white signs. These signs will state swimming and wading are not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, those with certain medical conditions, and pets.

A red "danger" sign will be added if and when algal toxin levels are equal to or exceed a designated threshold - 20 parts per billion for microcystin. That sign will confirm unsafe toxin levels have been detected and instruct visitors to avoid contact with the water.

The agencies are encouraging non-state public and private waters to also adopt the new strategy.

The announcement follows OEPA's recent unveiling of draft phosphorus reduction targets in Lake Erie, which could help reduce such blooms. The plan is part of a multi-state, binational agreement to lower phosphorus levels by 40% by 2025. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 26, 2016)

But Ohio Environmental Council Clean Water Director Adam Rissien has since said the plan doesn't go far enough in curbing runoff pollution from agriculture companies which can feed algae growth.

"Certainly the plan demonstrates a strong commitment to reduce toxic algae, but in order to ensure its success, further action is necessary," Mr. Rissien said. "Real progress requires policies for widespread adoption of conservation practices and proper applications of fertilizer and manure."

OEPA Director Craig Butler and the Army Corps of Engineers, meanwhile, have sparred in recent months over the potential existence of a "toxic blob" in Lake Erie. Although the OEPA says water sampling "clearly shows" the blob's existence, the Corps insists "no credible scientific evidence supports" that idea. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 6, 2016)

ODP Questions Trump's Support For Veterans Following Billionaire's Contentious Press Conference

The Ohio Democratic Party's chairman labeled Donald Trump a "fraud" who is "using veterans as a prop" a day after the billionaire sought to satiate questions of whether he had fulfilled promised donations to veterans groups.

Chairman David Pepper and retired Army Capt. Paul Worley, chair of the ODP veterans' caucus, added their voices to those criticizing the GOP presumptive nominee following Mr. Trump's press conference Tuesday in Trump Tower.

During that press conference, Mr. Trump outlined how he had donated the \$5.6 million raised by a January fundraiser he organized to compete with a Fox News presidential debate.

After the fundraiser, Mr. Trump repeatedly told media and supporters he had raised more than \$6 million from the event. But media reports - including a May 24 report from the *Washington Post* - continued to show that about half that money had not been donated.

Mr. Trump responded this week, outlining how much money had been sent to which groups. Several of those checks - including a \$1 million donation from Mr. Trump that he claimed to have made previously - were written last week, the same day the billionaire was interviewed by the *Post* on the fundraising discrepancy, according to the Associated Press.

"I think over the course of (yesterday) and today we've learned the truth: that Donald Trump is a fraud whose only concern is what's in it for him," Mr. Pepper said in a media call hosted by the Democratic National Committee.

"In this case it's clear that veterans were nothing more than a prop for Donald Trump when he needed them...and he only actually paid up what he said he'd already paid when called on it later," Mr. Pepper continued. "All this shows Donald Trump is not fit to be president."

Mr. Trump attributed the delay in issuing the checks to the process of vetting the various charities. He did not explain the discrepancy between the \$5.6 million figure and his previous claims to have raised more than \$6 million. He said veterans were greatly pleased by his contribution and support.

"I have raised a tremendous amount of money for the vets," Mr. Trump said. "I have been thanked by so many veterans groups throughout the United States."

He made additional headlines Tuesday for the combative nature of his press conference, during which he blasted the media - calling one reporter "a sleaze" - and said he would continue that contentious relationship with the media if elected president.

Mr. Worley, an Adams County commissioner who served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, questioned Mr. Trump's leadership following the candidate's early criticism of Sen. John McCain for being captured as a prisoner of war and for his conflicting statements on the permissibility of torture.

"Trump is a classic example of someone who will promise things - say he's doing things for veterans - but will turn around and not follow through on his promises," Mr. Worley said. "He is not a leader that cares about people. He only cares about himself."

During Mr. Trump's press conference, 22-year retired Marine and New Hampshire State Rep. Al Baldasaro shot back against claims Mr. Trump doesn't support veterans.

"I would never in a million years put my name on a candidate who did not from his heart look me in the eye and tell me he is concerned about veterans," Mr. Baldasaro said, urging the media to "get your heads out of your butts and focus on the real issues."

Politics Notebook: ACLU Concerned With RNC Media Restrictions; Brown Talks Pensions; Portman Airs First TV Ads...

On Wednesday, the ACLU of Ohio voiced concerns that potential flight restrictions and new credentialing procedures will hinder media access to the Republican National Convention.

In a letter to media outlets, ACLU Legal Director Freda Levenson said, "Increased control by the government over media access at the RNC presents serious First Amendment concerns."

Journalists planning to cover the July event in Cleveland must currently be screened and credentialed by the Secret Service. And expanded use of flight restrictions could be implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration to create no-fly zones around the event.

"The new credentialing process may reduce the ability of reporters to get access to events as they unfold," Ms. Levenson wrote. "Restrictions put in place by the FAA could completely block the ability of news agencies to obtain aerial footage of the convention, protests, and the actions of law enforcement."

A day prior, Cleveland leaders announced new security plans for the event, which is expected to draw 50,000 people. Officials didn't provide specifics - saying that doing so could compromise security - but outlined the training and organizational efforts being undertaken in advance of the event.

The same day, the RNC Host Committee announced a joint beautification effort to establish "a brighter, more welcoming experience along the main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfares in downtown Cleveland."

Pensions: U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), while in Columbus with federal transportation officials to present a \$37 million grant to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (*see separate story*), criticized Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) for blocking a bill Sen. Brown sponsored to shore up pension plans for miners.

Sen. Brown has been pushing for the Senate to consider the Miners Protection Act he sponsored alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) before breaking for the summer. The bill is an effort to address the shortfall in the United Mine Workers of America's 1974 pension plan, which was 94% funded before 2008 and is now severely underfunded due to the financial crisis and fewer active workers, according to Sen. Brown's office.

"One senator, the Republican leader in the Senate, has blocked the Senate from doing its job to protect these miners," Sen. Brown said.

Sen. Brown stressed the "urgent need" to address the pension shortfall in a letter to Sen. McConnell last week.

The senator also said he hoped lawmakers could work together to fix similar pension concerns faced by Teamsters.

Cincinnati Zoo: Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) urged citizens to wait for investigations to conclude before jumping to conclusions about the recent killing of a gorilla after a 3-year-old boy entered the animal's exhibit.

A 17-year-old silverback, named Harambe, was shot and killed May 28 after the boy crawled into the exhibit and fell 15 feet into a moat separating the animals from visitors. Protestors said the gorilla appeared to be protecting the boy, although video, which does not show the entire ordeal, shows the 450-pound animals dragging the boy by the leg through the moat several times.

Protestors argue workers should have tranquilized the animal. But zoo officials contend doing so could have enraged the gorilla and that tranquilizers would take up to 10 minutes to go into effect.

In the wake of the incident, Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* he's looking into whether a law should be drafted to levy fines or criminal charges on one who causes the death, by their negligence, of an endangered animal.

In a statement Wednesday, Rep. Driehaus said she'd spoken "at length" with Cincinnati Zoo Director Thane Maynard and urged caution from those judging actions of zoo officials and the family involved.

"I trust the zoo officials and am confident they exercised their best professional judgment given the harrowing circumstances," Rep. Driehaus said. "Though losing Harambe is truly tragic, our community can take comfort in the fact that the zoo prevented the serious injury or death of a three-year-old child. I am thankful the zoo protected this young boy's life."

Later in the day, the *Enquirer* reported that an investigation had concluded and no charges would be filed.

U.S. Senate Race: U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-Terrace Park) reelection campaign launched his first television ads this week.

The three ads are intended to showcase Sen. Portman's efforts to combat the prescription drug and heroin epidemic. They're part of a \$15 million ad buy stretching until November that was announced last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 12, 2016)

"Working together with Democrats and Republicans, I passed legislation to help break the grip of addiction," Sen. Portman said in one of the ads. "By investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery, empowering law enforcement, and stopping the over prescribing of painkillers, we can turn the tide."

NARAL Pro-Choice America, meanwhile, announced its own ad campaign targeting Sen. Portman. The campaign is aimed at pressuring Sen. Portman and other Republicans to fulfill the ongoing Supreme Court vacancy.

"NARAL is stepping up to ensure Sen. Portman does the job the people of Ohio elected him to do," NARAL Senior Vice President Sasha Bruce said.

Sen. Portman, who like many of his colleagues believes the next president should fill the post, previously said his stance is "the right thing for the country." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 9, 2016)

Former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland, who's running in an effort to unseat Sen. Portman, landed the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers, the group announced Wednesday.

"The future of our state depends on whether we are committed to our children," Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper said. "Ohio students and parents need the kind of arduous support Governor Strickland provides in making education his highest priority."

Capitol Scene: Kasich Names Kalmbach Press Secretary; Buckeye Institute Adds Research, Communications Staff

Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday named Emmalee Kalmbach as his press secretary.

Currently the communications director for Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, the Bob Jones University graduate recently served as a member of the communications team for the governor's presidential campaign.

The native of Littleton, N.H. is also the former communications director for the Massachusetts Republican Party.

Ms. Kalmbach replaces Joe Andrews, who has been serving as the governor's interim press secretary since Rob Nichols departed last summer to work on the campaign. Mr. Andrews will return to his position as communications director for the Department of Public Safety.

In another development impacting the governor's staff, Jon Keeling, a former political blogger and deputy communications director for Mr. Kasich, has been named spokesman for the Department of Job and Family Services.

Buckeye Institute: The Columbus-based free market think tank on Wednesday announced two new staff members with the aim of focusing on budget and labor issues.

Orphe Divounguy was named economist in the Institute's Economic Research Center, and Jeff Reed will serve as the group's communications director.

Mr. Divounguy's research will focus on current economic issues, including public assistance programs and labor policies, and will entail "dynamic" scoring and analysis of

budgets in Ohio and other states, according to the group. Mr. Reed will lead the organization's state and national press relations and marketing.

"We are excited about the ideas and experience Jeff and Orphe bring to The Buckeye Institute and to Ohio," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement.

"The expansion of our Economic Research Center will make Buckeye the go-to resource for economic analysis of legislation. And Mr. Reed's extensive background in marketing will assure that our ideas are seen around the state and across the country."

Mr. Divounguy holds degrees from England's University of Southampton, and after receiving his Ph.D., he served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant.

Mr. Reed previously served as the global communications leader for Corporate Responsibility at Indiana-based Cummins Inc. The Ohio University graduate previously held posts with the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C.

Governor's Appointments

Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee: Alex Johnson of Solon for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

Cleveland State University Board of Trustees: Todd C. Davidson of Cleveland for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and ending May 1, 2025.

Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas: Thomas D. Heekin Jr. of Cincinnati will assume office on June 6, 2016 and must run in the November 2016 general election to retain the seat for the full term commencing January 4, 2017. Mr. Heekin holds degrees from the University of Colorado and University of Cincinnati. He has been a criminal litigator for Heekin & Heekin since 2002.

State Employment Relations Board: J. Richard Lumpe of Columbus for a term beginning June 1, 2016 and ending October 6, 2021.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Thursday, June 2

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Monday, June 6

STEM Designation Committee, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

Consumers' Counsel Governing Board, Suite 1800, 10 W. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 16

Expositions Commission, Voinovich Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 11 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Thursday, June 30

20th Annual Rockin' Fiscal Eve, Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, 5 p.m.,
(All-invited celebration
of the end of MBRs in FY 2016 with MBRs (Massive Beer Rounds). Parking adjacent to building.)

17 S. High St., Suite 630

Columbus Ohio 43215

Phone: 614-221-1992 | Fax: 614-221-7844 | Email: gongwer@gongwer-oh.com

Scott Miller, President | Alan Miller, Vice President | Kent Cahlander, Editor | Melissa Dilley,
Mike Livingston, Dustin Ensinger, Jon Reed, Staff Writers


Click the  after a bill number to create a saved search and email alert for that bill.

© 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. Reproduction of this publication in whole or in part without the express permission of the publisher is in violation of the federal Copyright Law (17 USC 101 et seq.) as is retransmission by facsimile or any other electronic means, including electronic mail.



Senate Activity for Wednesday, June 1, 2016


INTRODUCED

SB 337  **ROAD NAMING (Hughes, J.)** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.44

17 S. High St., Suite 630
Columbus Ohio 43215

Phone: 614-221-1992 | Fax: 614-221-7844 | Email: gongwer@gongwer-oh.com

Scott Miller, President | Alan Miller, Vice President | Kent Cahlander, Editor | Melissa Dilley, Mike Livingston, Dustin Ensinger, Jon Reed, Staff Writers

Click the  after a bill number to create a saved search and email alert for that bill.

© 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. Reproduction of this publication in whole or in part without the express permission of the publisher is in violation of the federal Copyright Law (17 USC 101 et seq.) as is retransmission by facsimile or any other electronic means, including electronic mail.



Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, June 2

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Construction Industry Licensing Board, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (HVAC Section)

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

State Employment Relations Board, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Event Planner

Ohio Department of Taxation public hearing on proposed current agricultural use values, 22nd Floor, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 10 a.m.

17 S. High St., Suite 630

Columbus Ohio 43215

Phone: 614-221-1992 | Fax: 614-221-7844 | Email: gongwer@gongwer-oh.com

Scott Miller, President | Alan Miller, Vice President | Kent Cahlander, Editor | Melissa Dilley, Mike Livingston, Dustin Ensinger, Jon Reed, Staff Writers

© 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. Reproduction of this publication in whole or in part without the express permission of the publisher is in violation of the federal Copyright Law (17 USC 101 et seq.) as is retransmission by facsimile or any other electronic means, including electronic mail.

From: report@hannah.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 6:25 PM
To: DL, Hannah
Subject: Hannah News Stories for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

IN TODAY'S HANNAH REPORT:

Please click here to read the entire Hannah Report.

Today's Stories

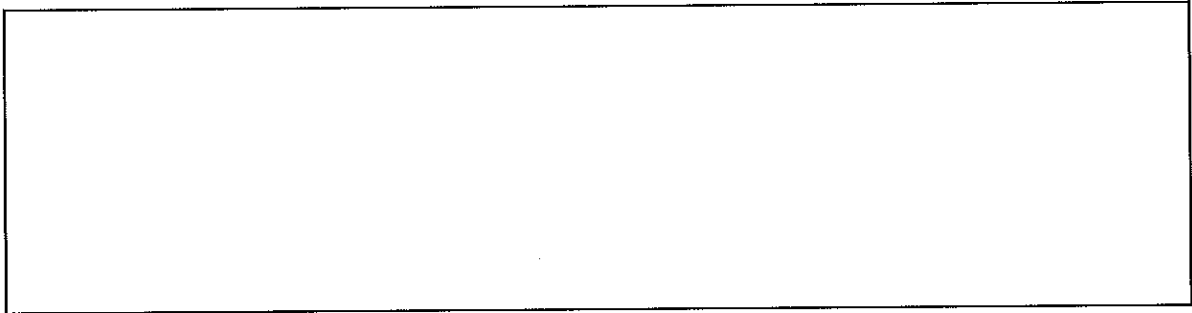
- [Senate Announces Sessions for Rest of 2016; Composite Schedule Included with Today's Report](#)
- [Ohio First State to Launch STABLE Accounts under Federal Law](#)
- [Federal Judge Extends Block on Planned Parenthood Defunding Bill](#)
- [Local Leaders, OhioMHAS Join for Recovery Summit](#)
- [OTA Convention Features Next Gen 9-1-1 Discussion](#)
- [Last Week of Session Sees Legislature Finish Work on 35 Bills](#)
- [Study Panel to Consider Dropout Recovery School Issues](#)
- [State Government Roundup: Governor; AG](#)
- [Campaign Corner: Mary Taylor](#)
- [People in the News: Buckeye Institute](#)
- [Ohio Digest: COTA Funds](#)
- [Campus Chronicle: Special Education Grant](#)

© 2016 Hannah News Service, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Unauthorized redistribution or reproduction prohibited.

Hannah News Service, Inc. | 21 W. Broad Street, Suite 1000, Columbus, Ohio 43215 | 614.227.5820 | www.hannah.com

From: Russell, Dustin
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 12:39 PM
To: Lundregan, Scott; Best, Carolyn; Kasych, Shawn; Baker, Dan
Subject: FW: NEWS: COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE LIVING WAGE

From: Office of Public Affairs
[mailto:FranklinCountyCommissioners@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 10:02 AM
To: Russell, Dustin
Subject: NEWS: COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE LIVING WAGE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Contact: Tyler Lowry, Commissioners, 614/525-6630
Marty Homan, Commissioners, 614/525-5273

COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE LIVING WAGE

The Franklin County Commissioners voted this morning to implement a series of wage adjustments that could result in pay raises for up to about 750 county employees, including ensuring that all current and future commissioner employees will be paid a **living wage**. The commissioners have long been committed to seeing that all residents of Franklin County are paid a living wage for the work that they do, and a year ago commissioned a study to determine what that hourly wage is in Franklin County, and how the Board can implement a living wage for all of its employees. The resolution passed today will increase the amount of the lowest salary paid to non-bargaining commissioner employees to **\$13.69** per hour. It also allows the county to **renegotiate union contracts** so that the changes to apply to bargaining unit employees as well.

The study, conducted by Clemans Nelson & Associates, a nationally respected management and labor relations consulting firm, used resources developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to determine that the living wage in Franklin County is \$13.69 per hour. "Living wage" is defined as a wage that allows a family of four, including two working adults, to maintain a normal standard of living within the community in which they work. The Clemans Nelson study also addressed the problem of "wage compression"

within the commissioners' county agencies, which occurs when the minimum rate in one pay grade is too close to the minimum of the next higher grade. As a result, not only will the lowest-paid Board of Commissioners employees be seeing an increase, but the minimum rate in every pay grade will be increasing and employees who have been in their current positions for at least 3 years will also be seeing a raise.

"Franklin County is the main local provider of social services in Central Ohio," said Board of Commissioners President, John O'Grady. "The employees providing those services shouldn't also have to receive them in order to provide for their families. Everyone who puts in an honest day's work deserves an honest day's pay, and we're going to **start with that right here in the commissioners' office.**"

Many of the affected employees are covered by labor agreements between their unions and the county, which will have to be amended for the new pay rates to take effect. A provision in the resolution passed by the commissioners today authorizes county Human Resources to renegotiate the labor agreements immediately so that bargaining unit employees can take advantage of the new pay scale even before the contracts would normally have been renegotiated next year.

"We have the best employees anywhere," said Commissioner Paula Brooks. "They work hard and, like every American, deserve to be paid fairly for their labor. I'm glad that we're able to do this for our own staff, and will continue to work to see that all hard-working residents of Franklin County are able to earn a living wage."

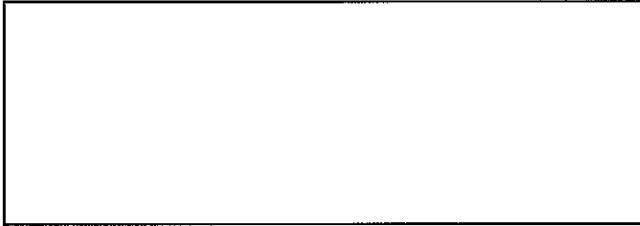
The plan also includes a new system of determining raises for non-bargaining employees based on merit and performance. All together, the new wage scale system is expected to cost the county about an additional **\$1.6 million per year.**

"I'm proud of all that we have been able to do to take care of our great staff here at the county commissioners' office," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. "From our excellent benefits package to our early adoption of benefits for domestic partners, our healthy workforce initiatives, and now a living wage, we really are taking care of our people, but it's also about attracting and retaining the best and brightest employees at every position."

Franklin County employs about 6,500 people, and the county commissioners employ about 1,300. The new wage scales and merit raises will take effect on July 1st for non-bargaining employees, and as soon after that for bargaining unit staff as the employee unions are able to ratify new contracts.

###

For more information on the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, call the Office of Public Affairs at (614) 525-3322 or visit commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov.



STAY CONNECTED:



SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:

[Update Subscriptions Preferences](#) | [Help](#)

This email was sent to dustin.russell@ohiohouse.gov using GovDelivery, on behalf of: The Franklin County
(OH) Board of Commissioners · 373 S. High Street, 26th Floor · Columbus, OH 43215-6314 · 614-525-3322



■

From: Adams, Alexandra

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 4:06 PM

To: Slack, Cora; Best, Carolyn; Smith, Kristen; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda; Knisley, Robert

Subject: RE: ALERT: Hood Fair (Printing @ 4:30)

State Representative Ron Hood is serving his 6th term in the Ohio House. Hood ~~has been elected twice by~~ represents *(otherwise, it's confusing to the average person how it's his 6th term, but only elected twice)* the 78th House District, which encompasses Hocking and Morgan counties, as well as portions of Athens, Fairfield, Muskingum and Pickaway counties.

Representative Hood is member of the Commerce and Labor Committee, Community and Family Advancement Committee, Rules and Reference Committee, and State Government Committee.

He has received numerous awards during his time in the House, including the Outstanding Conservative Freshman Legislator, the Frank Lausche Young Conservative Award, National Right to Work Legislator of the Year, National Association for Gun Rights Legislator of the Year, Faith to Action Braveheart Award and 4 Watchdog of the Treasury awards.

Representative Hood resides in Ashville with his wife, Michal. They have five children: Ellah, Edward, Judah, Quinne and Wesley.

From: Slack, Cora

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:56 PM

To: Best, Carolyn; Adams, Alexandra; Smith, Kristen; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda; Knisley, Robert

Subject: ALERT: Hood Fair (Printing @ 4:30)

Hi all –

I'm sending these to print at 4:30. If someone could look these over and let me know if any edits are needed, that would be much appreciated.

Thanks!

Cora Slack

Constituent Services Advisor
Ohio House of Representatives
614-466-3800

From: Slack, Cora
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 4:12 PM
To: Adams, Alexandra; Best, Carolyn; Smith, Kristen; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda; Knisley, Robert
Subject: RE: ALERT: Hood Fair (Printing @ 4:30)

Thanks!

Cora Slack

Constituent Services Advisor
Ohio House of Representatives
614-466-3800

From: Adams, Alexandra
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Slack, Cora <Cora.Slack@ohiohouse.gov>; Best, Carolyn <Carolyn.Best@ohiohouse.gov>; Smith, Kristen <Kristen.Smith@ohiohouse.gov>; Westlake, Libby <Libby.Westlake@ohiohouse.gov>; Bergmann, Amanda <Amanda.Bergmann@ohiohouse.gov>; Knisley, Robert <Robert.Knisley@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: RE: ALERT: Hood Fair (Printing @ 4:30)

State Representative Ron Hood is serving his 6th term in the Ohio House. Hood ~~has been elected twice by~~ represents *(otherwise, it's confusing to the average person how it's his 6th term, but only elected twice)* the 78th House District, which encompasses Hocking and Morgan counties, as well as portions of Athens, Fairfield, Muskingum and Pickaway counties.

Representative Hood is member of the Commerce and Labor Committee, Community and Family Advancement Committee, Rules and Reference Committee, and State Government Committee.

He has received numerous awards during his time in the House, including the Outstanding Conservative Freshman Legislator, the Frank Lausche Young Conservative Award, National Right to Work Legislator of the Year, National

Association for Gun Rights Legislator of the Year, Faith to Action Braveheart Award and 4 Watchdog of the Treasury awards.

Representative Hood resides in Ashville with his wife, Michal. They have five children: Ellah, Edward, Judah, Quinne and Wesley.

From: Slack, Cora

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:56 PM

To: Best, Carolyn; Adams, Alexandra; Smith, Kristen; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda; Knisley, Robert

Subject: ALERT: Hood Fair (Printing @ 4:30)

Hi all –

I'm sending these to print at 4:30. If someone could look these over and let me know if any edits are needed, that would be much appreciated.

Thanks!

Cora Slack

Constituent Services Advisor

Ohio House of Representatives

614-466-3800

From: Gongwer News Service
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 8:50 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: Gongwer News Service Ohio Media Clips



Ohio News & Opinion For June 24, 2016

News

Government administrators aim to go lean at Ohio conference (Associated Press, 6/24/2016)

Inmate walks off job site in Logan (Athens Messenger, 6/24/2016)

Donald Trump finally hires Ohio campaign manager (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Hillary Clinton coming to Cincinnati Monday with Elizabeth Warren (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Poll: Ohio divided on transgender bathrooms (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Judge overturns Cleveland's restrictions on RNC protests: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Ohio Democrats to push package of gay rights bills: What to watch for Friday (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Proposed amendment advocating prayer in Ohio schools rejected on technicality (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Rob Portman to help rehabilitate homes for Habitat for Humanity during Republican National Convention (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Kasich's Democratic pick for PUCO raises Statehouse concerns over 'past activism' (Columbus Business First, 6/24/2016)

Advocates seek return to civility amid caustic campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Campaign veteran Bob Paduchik to lead Trump's Ohio campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohio recognized for cutting government red tape, saving money (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohioans in poll oppose choice for transgender bathroom use (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

State to crack down on drunken boating (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Voters support Ohio library building boom (Dayton Daily News, 6/24/2016)

Advocates call for more civility in election discourse (Toledo Blade, 6/24/2016)

Editorials

Gun violence and GOP inaction (Akron Beacon Journal, 6/24/2016)

Cleveland's onerous restrictions on RNC protests must go: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Dump Trump effort, revived: Editorial Board Roundtable (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

SEIU's \$15 minimum wage issue targets Cleveland for all the wrong reasons: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Many owe their lives to Coleman (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

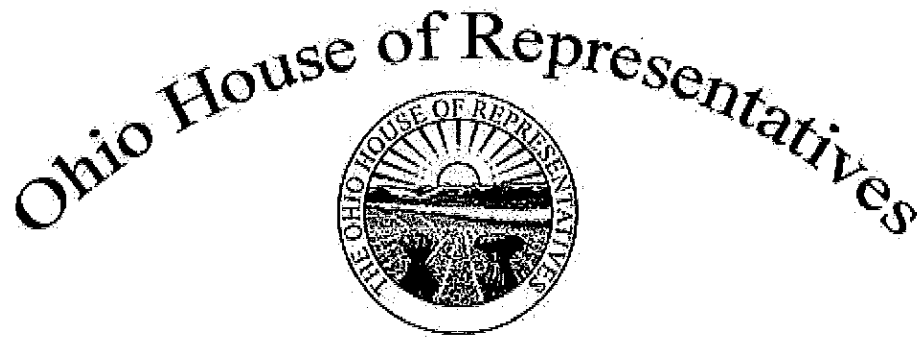
Can't 97 senators pass a bill? (Toledo Blade, 6/24/2016)

Please send all correspondence to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com This mailbox is not regularly monitored.

Copyright, 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. All Rights Reserved. This message and any attachments may not be forwarded or reproduced without express permission from Gongwer News Service.

This message is provided to you as part of your subscription to Gongwer News Service. Discontinue these messages.

From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 1:53 PM
To: Thawley, Roanna
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work
Attachments: Co-sponsor Request_Public Sector Right to Work_Becker.pdf



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: June 24, 2016
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

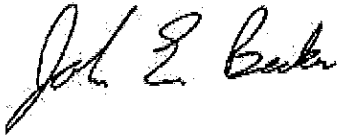
I will soon be introducing a public sector right-to-work bill.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

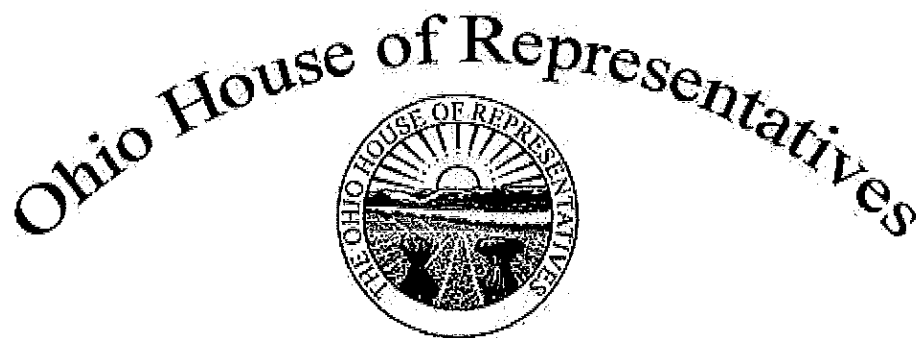
John Becker
65th House District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roanna Thawley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Legislative Aide
State Representative John Becker | Ohio House District 65
77 S. High Street, 12th Floor | Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-8134
roanna.thawley@ohiohouse.gov

From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 1:51 PM
To: Thawley, Roanna
Subject: REMINDER: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work
Attachments: Co-sponsor Request_Public Sector Right to Work_Becker.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: June 27, 2016
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

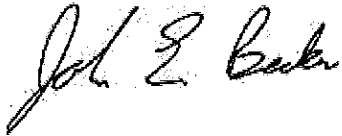
I will soon be introducing a public sector right-to-work bill.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

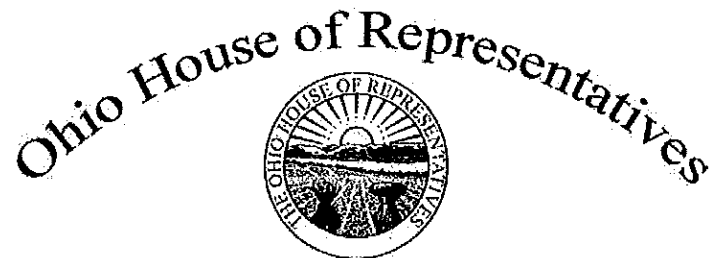
If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John Becker
65th House District

Roanna Thawley
Legislative Aide
State Representative John Becker | Ohio House District 65
77 S. High Street, 12th Floor | Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-8134
roanna.thawley@ohiohouse.gov



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: June 24, 2016
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

I will soon be introducing a public sector right-to-work bill.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Becker".

John Becker
65th House District

From: gongwerreports@gongwer-oh.com on behalf of Gongwer News Service [gongwerreports@gongwer-oh.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 4:13 PM
To: Standard_Subscriber_misc_html@gongwer-oh.com
Subject: House & Senate Floor Reports



Senate Activity for Thursday, June 30, 2016

INTRODUCED

SB 339 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Tavares, C.) To designate the month of June as "Pride Month." En. 5.2299

House Activity for Thursday, June 30, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 583 ■ **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (Becker, J.) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation. Am. 9.81, 124.14, 124.15, 3345.31, 4117.03, 4117.04, 4117.05, 4117.09, 4117.10, 4117.11, 4121.03, 4121.121, 4121.69, and 5501.20

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Rep. Tim Brown, Republican, 3rd District, effective July 17.

Click the ■ after a bill number to track that bill and create email alerts on activity.

Please send all correspondence to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com This mailbox is not regularly monitored.

Copyright, 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. All Rights Reserved. This message and any attachments may not be forwarded or reproduced without express permission from Gongwer News Service.

From: report@hannah.com
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 6:35 PM
To: DL Hannah
Subject: Hannah News Stories for Thursday, June 30, 2016

Thursday, June 30, 2016

IN TODAY'S HANNAH REPORT:

Please click here to read the entire Hannah Report.

Today's Stories

- [ODAg Shifts Exotic Animal Enforcement Focus to Smaller Facilities](#)
- [CSRAB Launches Committee to Review Statehouse Art, Mulls Themed Lighting](#)
- [Lawsuit Backers Challenging Voter Purge Weigh Appeal](#)
- [ACLU Praises Revised RNC Rules after Successful Challenge](#)
- [Becker Introduces 'Right to Work' for Public Employees](#)
- [SAK Testing Nabs Serial Rapist, Secures Forensic Center Grant](#)
- [ODE Releases Overview of Report Card Components Due for First Letter Grades in September](#)
- [Portman-Led Investigation Finds Cable Companies Overbilled Ohio, National Customers](#)
- [Stateline: Amid Opioid Epidemic, More Schools Offer 'Sober Dorms'](#)
- [State Government Roundup: ODOT](#)
- [People in the News: Stu Davis](#)
- [Executive Actions: Appointments](#)

© 2016 Hannah News Service, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Unauthorized redistribution or reproduction prohibited.

Hannah News Service, Inc. | 21 W. Broad Street, Suite 1000, Columbus, Ohio 43215 | 614.227.5820 | www.hannah.com

From: Gongwer News Service
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: Gongwer News Service Ohio Media Clips



Ohio News & Opinion For July 1, 2016

News

[New attorneys' fees in Ohio to fund legal aid for poor \(Associated Press, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[How will medical marijuana affect your workplace? \(Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Joe Biden talks health care, praises doctors in Cleveland \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Obamacare tax hike scheduled to hit retirees next year, but Sens. Brown, Portman want to stop it \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Rep. John Becker proposes right-to-work bill for public employees \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Republican National Convention secure zone revealed: Ohio Politics Roundup \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Rob Portman's campaign, PAC each announce new ads targeting Ted Strickland \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Sen. Tim Kaine accepted clothes, vacation as gifts: Today's number in politics \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Senate panel advances Carole Rendon's nomination for U.S. attorney of Ohio's northern district \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

[Voting rights activists say election lawsuit claiming Jon Husted illegally purged voters is not over \(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016\)](#)

Controversial NRA ad attacking Clinton airing mostly in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 7/1/2016)

Ohio Politics Now: Will Hillary Clinton consider Richard Cordray as a running mate? (Columbus Dispatch, 7/1/2016)

Portman coal radio ad targets southern Ohio voters (Columbus Dispatch, 7/1/2016)

State, troopers union return to contract talks (Columbus Dispatch, 7/1/2016)

GOP Convention: Who's going to speak? Where are the sponsors? (Dayton Daily News, 7/1/2016)

Local hospitals among hundreds with multiple privacy complaints (Dayton Daily News, 7/1/2016)

Taxpayers shelling out fewer dollars for fireworks displays (Dayton Daily News, 7/1/2016)

Editorials

Commentary: The Supreme Court's Texas abortion ruling reignites a battle over facts (Canton Repository, 7/1/2016)

Six ways to make Ohio's online charter schools more accountable: editorial board (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/1/2016)

Perpetuating preferences (Columbus Dispatch, 7/1/2016)

Put babies over politics (Toledo Blade, 7/1/2016)

Please send all correspondence to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com This mailbox is not regularly monitored.

Copyright, 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. All Rights Reserved. This message and any attachments may not be forwarded or reproduced without express permission from Gongwer News Service.

This message is provided to you as part of your subscription to Gongwer News Service. Discontinue these messages.

From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Westlake, Libby
Subject: E-Clips for 7/1/2016

HOUSE E-CLIPS

07/01/16



NEW ATTORNEYS' FEES IN OHIO TO FUND LEGAL AID FOR POOR

New attorneys' fees approved by the Ohio Supreme Court will help fund legal services for poor and disadvantaged Ohioans.



STATE, TROOPERS UNION RETURN TO CONTRACT TALKS

The state is heading back to the bargaining table to work on a contract with the Ohio State Troopers Association after the union soundly rejected a tentative agreement.

CITY OF COLUMBUS ISSUES NITRATE WARNING FOR TAP WATER

By 2018, city water officials say, they won't have to issue advisories like the one Thursday, when high nitrate levels in drinking water in parts of the Columbus area triggered a warning for pregnant women and babies.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: WILL HILLARY CLINTON CONSIDER RICHARD CORDRAY AS A RUNNING MATE?

Democrats in Columbus are apparently buzzing with the possibility of another Ohioan being considered as presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate.

Dayton Daily News
www.daytondailynews.com

OHIO SUPREME COURT TO HEAR SPRINGFIELD RED LIGHT CAMERA LAW CHALLENGE

The Ohio Supreme Court will consider Springfield's challenge to red light camera laws, weighing city leaders' argument that the new regulations violate their local authority.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL: CITIES CANNOT SET THEIR OWN MINIMUM WAGE

As the debate rages in Cleveland over a proposal to set the city's minimum wage at \$15 an hour starting in January, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine on Thursday issued an opinion stating that municipalities cannot legally set their own minimum wage.

REP. JOHN BECKER PROPOSES RIGHT-TO-WORK BILL FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

And Ohio lawmaker on Thursday introduced a right-to-work bill for public employees. But like a private employee bill proposed last fall, it's unlikely to pass.

VOTING RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SAY ELECTION LAWSUIT CLAIMING JON HUSTED ILLEGALLY PURGED VOTERS IS NOT OVER

A day after Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted scored a win in federal court, voting rights activists say the case is not over.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION SECURE ZONE REVEALED: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Countdown to Cleveland: With 17 days to go until the start of the Republican National Convention, we now know more about the boundaries of the high security perimeter surrounding Quicken Loans Arena. Read more from cleveland.com's Andrew J. Tobias' report.

SIX WAYS TO MAKE OHIO'S ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOLS MORE ACCOUNTABLE: EDITORIAL BOARD

Led by state Sen. Peggy Lehner, the downstate Republican who chairs the Ohio Senate's education committee, the Ohio legislature did a yeoman's job last year of shoring up oversight of the state's much-ridiculed kindergarten-through-12th-grade charter school system.

THE ENQUIRER

STATE AUDIT: FOOD STAMPS ISSUED TO 36 DEAD PEOPLE

Dead people, duplicates and out-of-state purchases were just some of the fraudulent activities discovered in an audit of Ohio's food stamp program, according to State Auditor David Yost.

BECKER INTRODUCES PUBLIC RIGHT-TO-WORK BILL

Rep. John Becker knows many fellow Republicans, including Gov. John Kasich, have little interest in an Ohio right-to-work law, but that didn't stop him from offering one anyway.

HOW WILL MEDICAL MARIJUANA AFFECT YOUR WORKPLACE?

Andy Kaplan has been practicing law with the Cincinnati office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease for more than 30 years.

THE BLADE

One of America's Great Newspapers

PANEL WEIGHS SUPPORT FOR CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Deann Sanders' insurance company paid for the diagnosis of her severely autistic son at the age of 2, but offered no coverage for services.

From: Gongwer News Service
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: Gongwer News Service Ohio Media Clips



Ohio News & Opinion For July 5, 2016

News

Ohio usually a swing state, nearly always a bellwether (Associated Press, 7/5/2016)

Ohio's new schools superintendent gets on the job, looking for input from educators (Canton Repository, 7/5/2016)

Portman, Strickland focus on Ohio's drug crisis in Senate campaigns (Canton Repository, 7/5/2016)

Ad Watch: NRA says Strickland 'sold out' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/5/2016)

Becker introduces public right-to-work bill (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/5/2016)

Trump announces visit to Sharonville Convention Center (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/5/2016)

'Raise Up Cleveland' continues \$15 minimum wage campaign, despite attorney general's opinion: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

No statewide ballot measures planned for Ohio's November election (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

Prospective new political parties in Ohio face filing deadline: What to watch for Tuesday (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

Republican National Convention secure zone revealed: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

Capitol Insider: Even after Kasich's campaign, state says it can't tally, release security bill (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Capitol Insider: Who in Ohio Democratic Party helped John Raphael? (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Dispute over school funding embroils new federal education law (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Medicaid tax change to cost Ohio, counties (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Ohio quietly gave larger raises to non-union managers (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Portman, Strickland focus on Ohio's drug crisis in Senate campaigns (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

State asks feds for permission to charge new Medicaid fees (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

GOP Convention: Who's going to speak? Where are the sponsors? (Dayton Daily News, 7/5/2016)

Ohio law requires Tdap, meningitis shots (Toledo Blade, 7/5/2016)

Portman launching \$1M TV ad campaign (Toledo Blade, 7/5/2016)

Editorials

Voices of protest in Cleveland (Akron Beacon Journal, 7/5/2016)

Impact of heroin addiction on driving statistics (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/5/2016)

George Voinovich's legacy of collaborative politics must be revived: Joe Lieberman (Opinion) (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

Ohio's restrictive abortion-clinic laws need to be revised after Supreme Court's Texas ruling: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

Trump's message resonates in Ohio coal country: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/5/2016)

New rules to let drone use soar (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

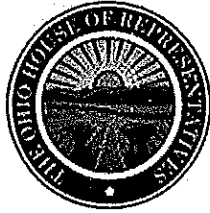
Voters want to rein in government (Columbus Dispatch, 7/5/2016)

Please send all correspondence to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com This mailbox is not regularly monitored.

Copyright, 2016, Gongwer News Service, Inc. All Rights Reserved. This message and any attachments may not be forwarded or reproduced without express permission from Gongwer News Service.

This message is provided to you as part of your subscription to Gongwer News Service. Discontinue these messages.

From: Adams, Alexandra
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Best, Carolyn; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda
Subject: ALERT: Week in Review (Sending @ 1)



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Majority Communications Department

GOP Week in Review

6/27/16 – 7/4/16

The Vindicator: New Ohio state laws and their impact, to take effect in August, September

There were big bills that were signed into law – a \$2.6 billion capital budget with projects across the states, and a fast-paced medical marijuana effort that will add Ohio to the list of states allowing the drug for specified medical conditions.

Sandusky Register: Sandusky State Theatre will be upgraded soon

State Sen. Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and state Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, both included the Sandusky State Theatre in a list of local projects that needed support.

WYSO: New Right to Work Bill In State Legislature

Republican Rep. John Becker says unions wouldn't have to represent government workers under his plan, "The major provision, of course, is just an opt-out for public sector employees that they don't have to join a union if they don't want to and would not have to pay any type of dues."

Akron Legal News: New heroin law takes aim at drug dealers

"This legislation will hold the drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods accountable while we continue to help the addicted seek treatment," said Rep. Jonathan Dever, R-Madeira, a sponsor of the bill. "There is no silver bullet for ridding Ohio of heroin, but this law is a part of a solution that includes education and treatment options."

Journal-News: New addiction treatment center opens in West Chester

State Rep. Margy Conditt, R-Liberty Twp, was also at the ribbon-cutting and she feels that Lumiere can help save lives and will be a benefit to Butler County.

Dispatch: Law fills a gap in paramedic care

He and state Rep. Tim Ginter, R- Salem, were especially concerned that paramedics couldn't provide an antidote to police dogs that, while working, were poisoned by prescription pain drugs or heroin.

Ellwood City Ledger: New law supports first responders who treat injured pets

Ohio's law, which follows a similar action by Colorado in 2014, came about after Bob Swickard, the director of an EMS service in a small town in northeastern Ohio, contacted state Republican Rep. Tim Ginter with concerns about a recent rash of on-duty injuries to police dogs.

Springfield News-Sun: Buck Creek State Park gets \$1.4M in upgrades

The state held a dedication ceremony for the cabins at the state park Thursday. "The cabin is nicer than my house," said state Rep. Bill Dean, R-Xenia, at the dedication.

The Independent: Rep. Christina Hagan shepherds Epi-pen bill

House Bill 200, sponsored by State Rep. Christina Hagan, permits public establishments, such as restaurants, swimming pools, schools and amusement parks, to carry a non-patient specific prescription to keep epinephrine, which can be administered via an injector known as an Epi-Pen.

Times Reporter: Column from Rep. Andy Thompson: Celebrating our country this Fourth of July

On this day, the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, people all across the nation engage in traditional celebrations of our nation's independence, with cookouts, fireworks, parades and the like.

The Vindicator: New law allows Ohioans to drink higher-alcohol content beer

Here are 10 more of 60 law changes OK'd before lawmakers left Columbus for their summer recess, with most set to take effect in August or September.

Dispatch: Hit-skip law wrecks create challenges for investigators who piece cases together

State Rep. Brian Hill, a Zanesville Republican, and Ohio Sen. John Eklund, a Republican from Geauga County, pushed for the changes. Fleeing the scene of a crash that causes serious injury or death is now a second-degree felony, which could carry as much as an 8-year sentence.

Heartland News: Ohio Lawmakers Approve Civil Asset Forfeiture Reforms

State Rep. Robert McColley (R-Napoleon) says the current system violates Ohioans' property and due process rights.

Journal-News: Hamilton natural gas customers dodge 10 percent rate hike

Gov. John Kasich signed a bill Tuesday that will spare Hamilton's natural-gas customers a 10-percent rate increase. "He signed it around 4:30 yesterday afternoon," state Rep. Wes Retherford, R-Hamilton, said Wednesday. Retherford and Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, who both live in cities with municipal gas utilities, sponsored the legislation.

Akron Beacon Journal: Kasich signs expanded movie-production credit for Ohio

"We are grateful to Governor Kasich, the Ohio House, and the Ohio Senate for giving us this opportunity to continue to grow a thriving and adaptive media industry in Northeast Ohio. I'd also like to thank Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Kirk Schuring, and Sen. Tom Patton, who have championed this legislation, and know just how much a sustainable media industry can benefit Ohio."

Record-Herald: CACFC celebrates 'National Homeownership Month'

Community Action Commission of Fayette County (CACFC) celebrated National Homeownership Month on June 24 by hosting an open house at the newly constructed home of Damian (Scott) and Ashley Forsha and their children. Also present were Marty Heide, representing Congressman Michael Turner, and State Rep. Gary Scherer was also in attendance.

Times Reporter: Leaders from three counties, Ohio are inching closer to making progress on Route 30

Last year, state Rep. Kirk Schuring, R-Jackson Township, was influential in getting legislation passed that created a Regional Transportation Improvement Project. Now three counties — Stark, Carroll and Columbiana — have signed a cooperative agreement with a county commissioner from each to form the co-op.

Daily Sentinel: Field of Hope breaks new ground

State and federal officials appeared from the offices of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, state Rep. Ryan Smith, Congressman Bill Johnson, Sen. Rob Portman, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Gallipolis Municipal Court.

The Blade: Accessible-for-all playground a first in northwest Ohio

The renovation of Lakeview Park makes it northwest Ohio's first fully accessible playground. Also present were state Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) and Port Clinton Mayor Hugh Wheeler, Jr. An aide to U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) presented two flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of the park's reopening.

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 11:20 AM
To: Adams, Alexandra; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda
Subject: RE: ALERT: Week in Review (Sending @ 1)

From: Adams, Alexandra
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Best, Carolyn; Westlake, Libby; Bergmann, Amanda
Subject: ALERT: Week in Review (Sending @ 1)



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Majority Communications Department

GOP Week in Review

6/27/16 – 7/4/16

The Vindicator: New Ohio state laws and their impact, to take effect in August, September

There were big bills that were signed into law – a \$2.6 billion capital budget with projects across the states, and a fast-paced medical marijuana effort that will add Ohio to the list of states allowing the drug for specified medical conditions.

Sandusky Register: Sandusky State Theatre will be upgraded soon

State Sen. Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and state Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, both included the Sandusky State Theatre in a list of local projects that needed support.

WYSO: New Right to Work Bill In State Legislature

Republican Rep. John Becker says unions wouldn't have to represent government workers under his plan, "The major provision, of course, is just an opt-out for public sector employees that they don't have to join a union if they don't want to and would not have to pay any type of dues."



Becker introduces public right-to-work bill (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/5/2016)

Akron Legal News: New heroin law takes aim at drug dealers

"This legislation will hold the drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods accountable while we continue to help the addicted seek treatment," said Rep. Jonathan Dever, R-Madeira, a sponsor of the bill. "There is no silver bullet for ridding Ohio of heroin, but this law is a part of a solution that includes education and treatment options."

Journal-News: New addiction treatment center opens in West Chester

State Rep. Margy Conditt, R-Liberty Twp, was also at the ribbon-cutting and she feels that Lumiere can help save lives and will be a benefit to Butler County.

Dispatch: Law fills a gap in paramedic care

He and state Rep. Tim Ginter, R-Salem, were especially concerned that paramedics couldn't provide an antidote to police dogs that, while working, were poisoned by prescription pain drugs or heroin.

Ellwood City Ledger: New law supports first responders who treat injured pets

Ohio's law, which follows a similar action by Colorado in 2014, came about after Bob Swickard, the director of an EMS service in a small town in northeastern Ohio, contacted state Republican Rep. Tim Ginter with concerns about a recent rash of on-duty injuries to police dogs.

Springfield News-Sun: Buck Creek State Park gets \$1.4M in upgrades

The state held a dedication ceremony for the cabins at the state park Thursday. "The cabin is nicer than my house," said state Rep. Bill Dean, R-Xenia, at the dedication.

The Independent: Rep. Christina Hagan shepherds Epi-pen bill

House Bill 200, sponsored by State Rep. Christina Hagan, permits public establishments, such as restaurants, swimming pools, schools and amusement parks, to carry a non-patient specific prescription to keep epinephrine, which can be administered via an injector known as an Epi-Pen.

Times Reporter: Column from Rep. Andy Thompson: Celebrating our country this Fourth of July

On this day, the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, people all across the nation engage in traditional celebrations of our nation's independence, with cookouts, fireworks, parades and the like.

The Vindicator: New law allows Ohioans to drink higher-alcohol content beer

Here are 10 more of 60 law changes OK'd before lawmakers left Columbus for their summer recess, with most set to take effect in August or September.

Dispatch: Hit-skip law wrecks create challenges for investigators who piece cases together

State Rep. Brian Hill, a Zanesville Republican, and Ohio Sen. John Eklund, a Republican from Geauga County, pushed for the changes. Fleeing the scene of a crash that causes serious injury or death is now a second-degree felony, which could carry as much as an 8-year sentence.

Heartland News: Ohio Lawmakers Approve Civil Asset Forfeiture Reforms

State Rep. Robert McColley (R-Napoleon) says the current system violates Ohioans' property and due process rights.

Journal-News: Hamilton natural gas customers dodge 10 percent rate hike

Gov. John Kasich signed a bill Tuesday that will spare Hamilton's natural-gas customers a 10-percent rate increase. "He signed it around 4:30 yesterday afternoon," state Rep. Wes Retherford, R-Hamilton, said Wednesday. Retherford and Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, who both live in cities with municipal gas utilities, sponsored the legislation.

Akron Beacon Journal: Kasich signs expanded movie-production credit for Ohio

"We are grateful to Governor Kasich, the Ohio House, and the Ohio Senate for giving us this opportunity to continue to grow a thriving and adaptive media industry in Northeast Ohio. I'd also like to thank Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Kirk Schuring, and Sen. Tom Patton, who have championed this legislation, and know just how much a sustainable media industry can benefit Ohio."

Record-Herald: CACFC celebrates 'National Homeownership Month'

Community Action Commission of Fayette County (CACFC) celebrated National Homeownership Month on June 24 by hosting an open house at the newly constructed home of Damian (Scott) and Ashley Forsha and their children. Also present were Marty Heide, representing Congressman Michael Turner, and State Rep. Gary Scherer was also in attendance.

Times Reporter: Leaders from three counties, Ohio are inching closer to making progress on Route 30

Last year, state Rep. Kirk Schuring, R-Jackson Township, was influential in getting legislation passed that created a Regional Transportation Improvement Project. Now three counties — Stark, Carroll and Columbiana — have signed a cooperative agreement with a county commissioner from each to form the co-op.

Daily Sentinel: Field of Hope breaks new ground

State and federal officials appeared from the offices of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, state Rep. Ryan Smith, Congressman Bill Johnson, Sen. Rob Portman, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Gallipolis Municipal Court.

The Blade: Accessible-for-all playground a first in northwest Ohio

The renovation of Lakeview Park makes it northwest Ohio's first fully accessible playground. Also present were state Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) and Port Clinton Mayor Hugh Wheeler, Jr. An aide to U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) presented two flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of the park's reopening.

From: Ohio House Republican Communications
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 1:04 PM
Subject: Week in Review 6/27/16 – 7/4/16



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Majority Communications Department

GOP Week in Review

6/27/16 – 7/4/16

The Vindicator: New Ohio state laws and their impact, to take effect in August, September

There were big bills that were signed into law – a \$2.6 billion capital budget with projects across the states, and a fast-paced medical marijuana effort that will add Ohio to the list of states allowing the drug for specified medical conditions.

Sandusky Register: Sandusky State Theatre will be upgraded soon

State Sen. Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and state Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, both included the Sandusky State Theatre in a list of local projects that needed support.

Enquirer: Becker introduces public right-to-work bill

Becker, R-Union Township in Clermont County, called his proposal a "win-win" for both sides: it would allow public sector workers to opt out of union representation and dues. But those who opt out would not be eligible for union protections.

Akron Legal News: New heroin law takes aim at drug dealers

"This legislation will hold the drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods accountable while we continue to help the addicted seek treatment," said Rep. Jonathan Dever, R-Madeira, a sponsor of the bill. "There is no silver bullet for ridding Ohio of heroin, but this law is a part of a solution that includes education and treatment options."

Journal-News: New addiction treatment center opens in West Chester

State Rep. Margy Conditt, R-Liberty Twp, was also at the ribbon-cutting and she feels that Lumiere can help save lives and will be a benefit to Butler County.